

## VARSITY AIDS TEN PER CENT OF PEOPLE

Statistics Compiled at Madison Show that One in Every Ten Persons Receive University Instructions

## ALUMNI IS PREPARING HANDBOOK

Statement of Services of U. of W. Will Be Circulated by Executive Committee of Alumni

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 25.—That one Wisconsin citizen in every ten has been the direct recipient of instruction from the state university is shown by statistics just compiled by the executive committee of the Alumni Association of the University of Wisconsin, of which George A. Buckstaff of Oshkosh is president, for a handbook on university activities issued by this alumni committee today.

## 10,000 Have Been Graduated

This estimate of the direct results of university teaching is figured on the basis of a population of 2,333,860 and takes into consideration 10,000 graduates and regular students scattered over the state; 2,000 farm boys who have attended the short course in agriculture; 3,000 dairy course students, 8,000 correspondence students who have enrolled in the extension division, 155,000 annual participants in the farmers' course and farmers' institutes conducted in various parts of the state, 125,000 persons who have attended lectures given by representatives of the extension division of the university, and 7,000 citizens who have made use of the package library sent out upon request by the university.

"The only comparison that seems serviceable to give a concrete idea of the university's work," writes the alumni committee, "is that of likening it to a tremendous public service corporation, from whose central power station at Madison, from whose district centers at Milwaukee, La Crosse, Superior, Oshkosh and Wausau, and from whose agricultural branch and demonstration stations at Ashland, Crivitz, Grand Rapids, Marshfield, Spooner and Superior, a net work of live wires is constantly charged carrying its current to every hamlet, shop, office, factory, farm and school in the state.

Measure "U" by Services  
"Just as the success of every other public service corporation is measured by the dividends it yields to its stockholders, so the success of the university is measured on the part of the tax paying citizen by the tangible services rendered to him.

"While many millions have been expended on the university for permanent improvements and maintenance since its founding in 1849, the state has during that same period received profits from its work representing a financial value of many times the cost of the university to the state.

## State Gains Millions

"Millions of dollars are about to be added to the wealth of the state as a result of experiments carried out in the mining laboratory of the university on the merits of Wisconsin joint materials. It was found that there are vast quantities of rock in the neighborhood of Mineral Point which are destined to become the means of placing Wisconsin in the front rank of pigment producing states.

"Over \$500,000 worth of pure bred seeds are now being sold annually by the Wisconsin Experiment association, an organization numbering 1,650 farmers who have attended the courses at the college of agriculture, and their work has resulted in making Wisconsin the leading seed breeding state of the union."

## Farmers Save Money.

That millions of dollars have been saved to farmers of Wisconsin by the work of the college of agriculture in eliminating oat and barley smut, in saving thousands of bushels of potatoes previously lost through diseases of the potato plant, and in controlling the pea blight, is demonstrated in the alumni handbook.

The doubling of Wisconsin's dairy products in twenty years until now they are valued at \$80,000,000 annually and Wisconsin ranks first among the dairy states of the union, the alumni attributes to the Babcock test and the five other tests developed in the dairy department, as well as to the 3,000 trained butter and cheese makers from the dairy school.

## TRIES TO PUMP OCEAN DRY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—City Contractor Henning was digging a sewer near the beach. Encountering water trouble he set up pumps. Three days passed and expenses ran up. Auditor Boyle investigated and discovered Henning trying to pump dry the Pacific ocean.

## LEARN GERMAN OR LOSE \$300

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—Miss Bertha Bender must learn the German language thoroughly and be able to recite "Befehl Deine Wege," "Glocke," before she receives a legacy of \$300 from her great aunt's estate.

## FARMERS' COURSE AT WEST SALEM

Many Topics Having Direct Bearing on La Crosse Conditions to Be Discussed

## THE CHILDREN ENTER CONTESTS

Boys to Show Corn Growing Results; Girls Compete in Sewing and Cooking

It is believed that many people of La Crosse county have found it impossible to attend the farmers' course as given at Onalaska each year. Therefore, in addition to the annual farmers' course and home makers' conference to be given at Onalaska during the month of February, the University of Wisconsin college of agriculture, with considerable responsibility assumed by the county agricultural school, has granted a course to be held at West Salem, January 2, 3 and 4, 1913.

The course has been planned with many topics having a direct bearing upon La Crosse county conditions, and the speakers for such topics are intimately acquainted with the agriculture of the county. The general topics to be presented are of a very high order. The entire course should, therefore, appeal to everyone who can attend, and it is earnestly hoped that all who are within reach of the opportunity will avail themselves of attending every session of the entire course.

One hundred forty boys of the rural schools of La Crosse county have grown corn during the last year, and no less than one hundred girls have entered the cooking and sewing contest, both promoted by and under the direction of the La Crosse county school of agriculture and domestic economy. The exhibition of these contests is to be made during the time of the farmers' course at the opera hall in West Salem.

The opening date of the course is Thursday evening, January 2, 8:00 p. m., at the opera hall.

The program follows:

Thursday, Jan. 2, 8:00 p. m. Opera Hall.  
Country Life in Scotland (Illustrated)—Dr. A. S. Alexander.

Friday, Jan. 3, 10 a. m. Opera Hall.  
Problems of La Crosse County Agriculture—Prof. F. E. Balmer.

Improvement of Farm Horses—Dr. A. S. Alexander.  
1:30 p. m. Town Hall.

Dairy Feeding Questions—Mr. W. E. Morris.  
More Silos and What Kind—Mr. W. E. Spreiter.

Lecture on Birds (Illustrated)—Mr. A. C. Burrill.

Saturday, Jan. 4, 9:00 a. m. Opera Hall.

Crop Demonstrations—Treating Grain for Smut; Testing Seed Corn; Treating Potatoes for Scab.

The Cost of Producing Milk—Mr. W. E. Morris.  
General Drainage Problems—Prof. E. R. Jones.

2:00 p. m., Opera Hall.  
Drainage of Wet Lands of La Crosse County—Prof. E. R. Jones.

8:00 p. m., Opera Hall.  
"The Dawn of Plenty"—I. H. C. service bureau, International Harvester company.

WOMEN'S COURSE PROGRAM.  
Thursday, Jan. 2, 8:00 p. m. Opera Hall.

Country Life in Scotland (Illustrated)—Dr. A. S. Alexander.

Friday, Jan. 3, 10 a. m. High School.  
Judging Wool and Silk Dress Goods (demonstration)—Miss Annael Turner.

Preparation of Protein Foods (cooking demonstration)—Miss Lucile Reynolds.

1:30 p. m., High School.  
Place of Needlework in the Home—Miss Rachel McElowney.

Cutting and Fitting a Shirtwaist (demonstration)—Miss Annael Turner.

3:00 p. m., Opera Hall.  
Lecture on Birds (Illustrated)—Prof. A. C. Burrill.

8:00 p. m., Opera Hall.  
Birds and the Farmer (Illustrated)—Prof. A. C. Burrill.

Saturday, Jan. 4, 9:00 a. m. High School.

Reading Matter for the Farm Home—Miss Florence Rood, Genoa, Wis.

Cooking demonstration by students of the agricultural school.

2:00 p. m., High School.  
Deep Fat Frying (demonstration)—Miss M. Peters, West Salem high school.

8:00 p. m., Opera Hall.  
"The Dawn of Plenty"—I. H. C. service bureau, International Harvester company.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.  
Friday, Jan. 3, 8:00 to 10:00 a. m. Opera Hall.

Entry of corn and cooking and sewing of the La Crosse county boys' corn growing contest and the girls' cooking and sewing contest.

1:30 p. m., Opera Hall.  
The Boys and Girls on the Farm—Principal F. E. Balmer.

Organization of a La Crosse County Boys' and Girls' Agricultural club, conducted by County Supt. B. F. Oltman.

Saturday, Jan. 4, 1:30 p. m. Announcement of prizes of boys' and girls' exhibits.



OF COURSE THERE'S A SANTA CLAUS!

## PRESIDENT VISITS THE PANAMA CANAL

Taft Spends Christmas Morning Inspecting Big American Enterprise in Central America

## GUEST AT DINNER PARTY TONIGHT

United States Minister to Panama Will Be Host of President; Belisario Porras Gives Ball

PANAMA, Dec. 25.—President Taft spent Christmas day inspecting the Pacific entrance of the canal. Apparently the contemplation of the "Big Ditch" which has progressed considerably in his administration, gave the president keen pleasure. Indefatigable, President Taft walked all around the place and all of the party accompanying him were tired before the president had seen enough of the work.

Tonight the president and his party will be the guests at a dinner given by H. Percival Dodge, United States minister to Panama, and the dinner will be followed by a ball in the president's honor, given by President Belisario Porras. The ball was planned as a Christmas eve affair, but the Taft party were tired and it was postponed.

With President Taft are Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Taft, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Hilles, and several army and navy officers.

A special train conveyed the party and a party of officers and men of the Arkansas from Colon to Panama. Special trains also were provided for the two thousand blue jackets aboard.

## WILSON CONFERS WITH CHAMP CLARK

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 25.—Governor Wilson, who is spending Christmas at his home here, refused today to discuss further the details of yesterday's conference at Trenton with Speaker Champ Clark. He reiterated that the discussion had been purely informal and that the principal topics of conversation were cabinet possibilities and the party's legislative program.

The president-elect also repeated with emphasis that William Jennings Bryan's name had not been mentioned in the talk and said the speaker appeared to be in hearty accord with the progressive ideas of legislation advanced by the governor and had promised aid toward their fulfillment.

## DIG OUT OF COUNTY JAIL

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Dec. 25.—Digging their way through a stone wall two feet thick, Ned Hampson and Charles Jones, prisoners in the county jail here, escaped without arousing either the jailors or their fellow prisoners. Up to a late hour posses in pursuit had found no trace of the fugitives.

Hampson was a "trusty" and was to have been paroled next Saturday. Jones was awaiting trial for burglary.

## PARDON BRINGS CHRISTMAS JOY

Convicted Murderer of Millionaire Rice Spends Day with Aged Mother and Daughter

## TWELVE YEARS IN SING SING

New York Lawyer Returns to Portentous Home Freed by Governor Dix

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—A greater Christmas joy was contained in the home of Mrs. John T. Milliken here today than has visited the relatives of Albert T. Patrick for twelve years, since he was convicted of the murder of Millionaire William Marsh Rice.

A pardon by Governor Dix of New York freeing Patrick from Sing Sing prison, which was his home for the last twelve years, made possible today the reuniting of the New York lawyer, his aged mother, Mrs. Edward T. Patrick and his daughter, Miss Lillian Patrick, both of Denver, at the home of Mrs. Milliken, his sister. It was the first time his daughter had spent Christmas with him since she was four years old.

Behind the closed doors of the portentous Milliken home, the Patricks spent their Christmas quietly. Servants in the house declined to admit reporters and no response could be obtained from any member of the family on the telephone. It was explained that Patrick, his mother, daughter and sister desired to avoid publicity.

But the merry hum of conversation that floated through the big front door when it was opened for the servant to refuse admittance to a reporter, told of the real Christmas gladness that filled every corner of the big house.

Mrs. Edward T. Patrick joined her son here several days ago, and her greeting when they met was "I knew I would live to see my son vindicated."

## U. S. MARSHAL HAS A REGULAR JOB

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—U. S. Marshall Lyman T. Hoy will have little rest during the holiday season if he literally carries out the order of Judge Landis of federal court concerning 450,000 oranges confiscated by the court.

The order is that the marshal shall place each orange in a wrapper bearing the label "colored by sweating."

Marshall Hoy probably will consent to act as general superintendent of the work.

The oranges belong to the fruit growers in the vicinity of Lindsay, California and are being shipped east. They filled eight cars. It was alleged their inferiority was concealed by the sweating process, which is a violation of the pure food law. The marshal may sell them.

## MORNING RESCUE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Fruit Liner's Passengers See Succor in the Dawn as Storm of Night Subsides

## MANY VESSELS TO THE RESCUE

Revenue Cutter Seneca and Lifeboats Transfer the Turalba's Passengers at Daybreak

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Christmas morning dawned fair and full of cheer for the storm tossed passengers and the crew of the United Fruit company's liner Turalba as she was hard fast upon the treacherous sandy bottom of Egg Harbor shoals, a few miles north of Atlantic City, where she was driven by Monday night's gale and snowstorm. The first streaks of daylight showed to anxious watchers on the decks of the stranded ship what the wireless and siren blasts had told them during the night—the staunch hull of the revenue cutter Seneca and two lifesaving boats lying close at hand in the rapidly subsiding swells and the smoke of two Merritt-Chapman wrecking tugs hove down on the northern horizon, but steadily driving into the rescue.

The transfer of the fifty-seven passengers from the Turalba to the revenue cutter began soon after 7 o'clock. The passengers, many of whom had stayed up through the night, first breakfasted heartily and then, with their hand baggage, were loaded into the ship's boats to the Seneca's side. The swell was still running and a number of passengers were taken ill during the rough passage from ship to ship. At 8 o'clock a wireless message from Captain Lindsay of the stranded liner was received at the company's offices telling of the complete transfer of the passengers, one-half the waiters, the hand baggage and the mail, and there was every reason to believe the shipwrecked travelers would reach New York on the revenue cutter by 4 o'clock.

The Seneca reached the wrecked liner about 7 o'clock last night. She found the Turalba resting easily in the heavy swell, and, after an interchange of messages between the two captains it was decided not to attempt the transfer of passengers until daylight.

The Turalba lay with her bow buried to midships in the soft sand, lifting and pounding with each sea. Her rudder and stern post had been swept away, but her seams were all tight and no fear was felt for her safety. It is expected that the wrecking tugs will have to lighten the ship of her cargo of bananas and coffee before she can be hauled off the shoals.

## REBELS BURN TOWN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Mexican rebels have burned the town of Guatimape, sixty miles north of Durango, destroyed railroad bridge for a distance of fifty miles and disappeared. Federal, state department advisers say today, pursued them into the mountains.

## THE BROWN CHURCH LOCATED IN IOWA

Original of Church in Famous Song Discovered to Be Situated in Mitchell County, Iowa

## M'GREGOR SUPPLIED THE LUMBER

Building Material Hauled Across Country to Site of Church, which Was Erected 1859

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis., Dec. 25.—A fact of interest to this section of Wisconsin and Iowa has just come to light during the sessions of the "Men and Religion Forward Movement," held recently in Boston. It is that the materials for the church which was the origin of the world famous song, "The Little Brown Church in the Vale," were hauled from McGregor, Iowa, just across the river from this city, to the site of the building in Mitchell county, Iowa. The Boston "Congregationalist" tells the story as follows:

"Some forty or fifty years ago a song known as 'The Little Brown Church in the Vale' caught the popular fancy and literally went around the world. The president of the National Music Teachers' association, belonging to a sturdy Scotch family, used to join heartily with his seven brothers in singing the song, with no thought that any particular church was meant.

"Later he was astonished to learn that the veritable 'Little Brown Church' was not far from his Iowa home. It is a real church, a Congregational church and is at Bradford, in northern Iowa.

"Some pioneers in Mitchell county, Iowa, met for worship in a log house for some time and finally organized a church. In 1859 Rev. J. K. Nutting became pastor and it was determined to erect a house of worship. This required much sacrifice for all were poor and there was actually almost no money in circulation. Those sturdy farmers made the frame from timber growing along the Cedar river. The boards for the siding and what hardwood was used had to be hauled over corduroy roads and through swamps from McGregor, 60 miles away.

"The dedication was a great event. Many people drove 40 miles to be present. The church prospered and soon after Bradford Academy was erected, so that the community became an educational and religious center.

"When the railroad came it ran on the opposite side of the Cedar river. Nashua sprang up and gradually the people moved to the new town and Bradford disappeared from the map. The academy building is going to decay but sentiment has prompted the people to preserve 'The Little Brown Church' and it is in a good state of repair. Dr. W. S. Pitts was one of the pioneers that came under the influence of this church in the early days and he did more than any one else to make it known by his famous song, in many of the conventions of the Men and Religion Forward movement in the middle west, this song was sung at nearly every session and it bids fair to become as popular as in former years."

## FIGHT TO THE DEATH ON CHRISTMAS EVE

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Edward Phillips, 330 Oakley avenue, and Samuel Dody, night watchman, met on their rounds early today. Dody replied to Phillips' Christmas greetings with a string of oaths. A quarrel over business differences followed and Dody shot Phillips. The latter will lie. Dody is under arrest.

## AEROPLANE FACTORY BURNS

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 25.—Seven aeroplanes were destroyed in a fire that burned to the ground in the Illinois aeroplane factory at Coal City. The loss was \$20,000.

## CHRISTMAS INCENDIARY

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Incendiaries are believed to have started fire that completely destroyed the St. Andrew Episcopal church early today. The loss is \$50,000.

## "SOME EGGS"

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25.—A Portland pullet laid two eggs nearly seven inches long and more than six inches thick.

## RED CROSS GIVES \$2,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The American Red Cross society today sent as a Christmas present \$2,000 in sums of \$500 each to Turkey, Serbia, Bulgaria and the relief committee at Salonika.

## WEATHER

Fair tonight and probably Thursday.

## CHRISTMAS WEEK CELEBRATED HERE

Churches, Charitable Institutions, Lodges and Societies Give Programs

## HAPPY TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Many Social Entertainments Planned for the Holiday Season; Poor Remembered

Several of the churches and Sunday schools of the city are preparing to hold Christmas services and exercises during the coming week. Many of the Sunday schools have already held their exercises among them being the Methodist, Universalist, Presbyterian and Baptist. All of the Catholic churches held the usual Christmas day services with masses at five, eight and ten o'clock. However, many of the churches had their Christmas programs and some of them to be given during the week are as follows:

St. Paul's Norwegian Lutheran will have services on Christmas morning at 10:30 with an address by the pastor, Rev. R. Anderson, "Glory to God, Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men." The church choir has prepared special music to be sung at this service. On Thursday night the Sunday school will hold its program of songs and recitations assisted by the church choir. The pastor and school superintendent will also give addresses at the children's program.

## Dinner at Church

The Congregational church will not have any services on Christmas day but the Sunday school will have its program on Friday afternoon at 2:30. At one o'clock on Friday all of the children of the Sunday school will have a dinner in the church parlors after which the program will be given. This program will consist of old English Christmas carols and recitations. A novel idea to be carried out by this school is to bring gifts which will be given to the poor and needy of the city.

The intermediate and adult departments of the Presbyterian Sunday school have already held their Christmas programs, but the small children will hold theirs on Thursday afternoon in the church. On Christmas night the church services will begin at 7:30 and will consist of Christmas music and a sermon by the pastor, Rev. Jones.

## Plan Christmas Concert

The German Methodist church Sunday school will have its Christmas program of songs and recitations and tree on Christmas night in the church parlors. On Sunday, December 29 the Epworth League of the church will hold its Christmas celebration in the form of a concert. Lois, Elsie and Glen Halik will render the greater part of the program. The Haliks are talented musicians and readers and always give pleasing and high class programs. The Wesleyan Glee club made up of men of the church will also sing at this concert.

The Sunday school program of the West Avenue Methodist church will be held in the church on Christmas night with songs and recitations by the school children and a Christmas tree. The Carol College quartet will sing at this program.

## City Mission

Under the directions of D. C. Dewey, superintendent of the City Mission, a Christmas program has been arranged which will be given at the City Mission building, 325 Jay street at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The children of the City Mission Sunday school will give the program assisted by John Foster. Following the program the gifts of the mission which will be on the Christmas tree will be distributed among the children.

Several of the leading business men and business establishments have come to the aid of Superintendent Dewey in providing gifts for the children and have donated liberally both financially and with toys.

## The City Mission program follows:

Song, "Little Pilgrims"—School.  
Recitation—Henry Watts.  
Declamation—Myrtle Froehke.  
Vocal Duet—Enola Crossett and Ella Blakeley.  
Reading—George Johnson.  
Recitation—George Johnson.  
Medley—Infant Class.  
Reading—Ada Johnson.  
Declamation—Chester Johnson.  
Vocal Duet—Myrtle and Mary Koschab.  
Recitation—Max Schwartzegger.  
Declamation—Enola Crossett.  
Poem—Russell Johnson.  
Song—Vera Guthrie.  
Reading—Leonard Fema.  
Recitation—Ella Blakeley.  
Reading—Frankie Anders.  
Poem—Alfred Blakeley.  
Song—Jack Foster.  
Declamation—Louise Blakeley.  
Recitation—Dean Tevis.  
Chorus, "Dear Little Stranger"—School.  
Santa Claus.  
Home of the Friendless.

The children of the Home of the Friendless will give a short program this afternoon following the Christmas dinner. Santa Claus and the

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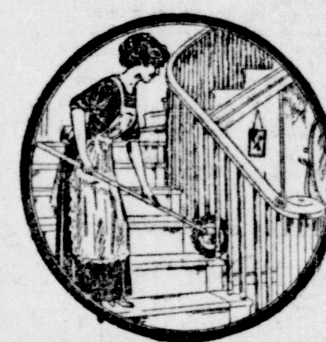
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of the past year,  
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## RAILROAD COMPETITION SEEMS TO BE RESTORED

As time passes the sweeping char-  
acter of the decision in the Harri-  
man case handed down recently by  
the United States supreme court is  
more and more realized, and eminent  
lawyers now agree it will mean a revo-  
lution in the control of American  
railways.

The supreme court ordered the  
Union Pacific railroad company to di-  
vest itself of the stock it owns in the  
Southern Pacific Railroad company,  
as the control of such stock is a vio-  
lation of the Sherman anti-trust law,  
which aims directly to prevent the  
control of one railroad company by  
a competing line.

The court, however, does not pro-  
hibit one line from controlling an-  
other, provided the two lines do not  
compete, as is evident from the au-  
thorization given the Union Pacific  
to retain possession of the Central  
Pacific, which is owned by the South-  
ern Pacific.

The decision of the highest court  
in the country thus wipes out by a  
stroke of the pen the great system  
built up by the late Edward H. Har-  
rigan, which operated, through own-  
ership or control, approximately 23-  
000 miles of road capitalized at up-  
ward of \$340,000,000.

According to the principles laid  
down by the supreme court, all other  
great railroad corporations must rid  
themselves of competing lines, and a  
current writer says the decision prob-  
ably will compel the New York Cen-  
tral to give up its control of the  
Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, the  
West Shore, the Big Four lines, the  
New York, Chicago & St. Louis, the  
Boston & Albany and many other  
smaller lines; that it probably will  
compel the Pennsylvania company to  
divest itself of control of the Pan-  
handle and the Pennsylvania lines  
west of Pittsburgh; that it may com-  
pel the Missouri Pacific to give up  
its control of the St. Louis Iron  
Mountain & Southern, and so on with  
numerous other cases.

As the supreme court holds that  
competing lines may not be embrac-  
ed in one system, the restoration of  
the old competition in railroad cir-  
cles is assured provided the inter-  
state commission can prevent "gen-  
tlemen's agreements" regulating  
rates, and other secret forms of mo-  
nopoly.

## CAN WOODROW WILSON DOMINATE CONGRESS

Under "Public Debate" Mr. Mon-  
cena Dunn gives us today an interest-  
ing discussion of the problem con-  
fronting President-elect Wilson. Like  
most men who have followed the  
New Jersey governor, Mr. Dunn gives  
full faith and credit to Mr. Wilson's  
professions of practical progressiv-  
ism, but unlike many spectators he  
supplements his faith in the execu-  
tive with an optimistic view as to  
the outcome of his inevitable conflict  
with the reactionaries of his own par-  
ty in congress. We hope Mr. Dunn is  
right in so doing.

Lynn Haines, in a recent article in  
La Follette's, expresses misgivings.  
He says there are democratic progres-  
sives in congress, but no democratic  
insurgents. He says, to make good,  
progressives in congress must have  
gone through the fire test of insur-  
gency against the powers within  
their party, a thing that could not  
come to members of a minority par-  
ty. He fears that when the Fitz-  
geralds of democracy, now holding  
the organization of a dominant dem-  
ocratic party, wield the cudgel of pa-  
tronage they will drive progressive  
democrats to cover. Mr. Haines says  
the fight will develop true demo-  
cratic insurgents, but that in his first  
congress Dr. Wilson will feel the lack  
of them, and may fail.

Mr. Dunn, on the other hand, says  
Dr. Wilson will win with congress

by using the same weapon with  
which Mr. Bryan won for Mr. Wilson  
at Baltimore. That weapon was pub-  
lic opinion. The Baltimore conven-  
tion, indisputably reactionary at the  
start, was driven by the lash of pop-  
ular resentment so smartingly wield-  
ed by the Nebraskan to accept the  
terms of the progressives. That is  
just what Mr. Dunn says will happen  
in congress.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SOME CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

A "crusade" has been started by  
certain magazines against the giv-  
ing of Christmas presents. It is said  
that we have lost the spirit of Christ-  
mas, that we are making the giving  
of gifts a formality of social etiquette  
in which a false pride rather than  
logical charity dictates.

We do not give too much at Christ-  
mas time. There will never be too  
much giving in the world. The trouble  
with our system is that we do not  
select the right beneficiaries. The  
joy of giving to the children is  
among our happiest experiences, and  
is in complete accord with the pur-  
poses of Christmas. But the inter-  
change, perfunctory and even with  
ill grace, of Christmas gifts among  
adults is difficult to justify from  
any angle. Doubtless, in the city of  
La Crosse, \$200,000 has been ex-  
pended by grown-ups for gifts, you  
giving me what I do not want or care  
for and I giving you what you do  
not need or prize.

The world has a great problem—  
its poor, "whom we have always with  
us." In this generation the peoples  
are turning their attention to this  
greatest of our problems, awakened  
to a faint realization of the fact that  
bound up in it are most of our other  
problems—disease, immorality, crim-  
inality. Nations are slowly recog-  
nizing that government has to do  
with this problem of problems, that  
government is not the property of  
"business" excepting as business  
makes for the welfare of all citi-  
zens. We are not coming to the  
millennium, we are just sensing a  
new philosophy of humanity that will  
make the world of the future a hap-  
pier abiding place.

Money will not do everything, but  
money is needed to do almost any-  
thing.

Now supposing the approximately  
\$200,000 wasted in La Crosse this  
year on Christmas gifts bought un-  
der protest and uselessly bestowed  
upon people who for the most part  
do not want them had been spent  
to supply the actual needs of those  
who are in want for necessities and  
hungry for pleasures and advantages  
they cannot afford!

A great bank generously gave the  
Associated Charities \$1,000, and the  
city was agog at the immensity of  
the philanthropy. But suppose we  
had added \$199,000 to this gift?

Had we done this, and had the  
money been wisely spent, there would  
be no human creature in La Crosse  
county in the year 1913 who would  
suffer for want of the necessities of  
life. Our problem would have been  
solved.

Think it over, as you stand in the  
presence of the multitude of gifts  
which came to you but which you do  
not badly want. Reflect that the  
adults to whom you gave things feel  
the same way about it. Think what  
good you might do if you and those  
with whom you exchange gifts would  
get together next year and agree to  
discontinue the old folly but instead  
spend a like amount on real charity.

Think it over, and—Merry Christ-  
mas!

If the chief weather director is  
given a place in the Wilson cabinet,  
as is talked, nobody will ever be  
able to predict with any degree of  
certainty what will happen.

It is said there are 50,000 women  
in New York who support their hus-  
bands. That may account for New  
York's ability to support two big  
league teams.

Th "Adam" style of furniture is  
coming into vogue. Well, there  
ought to be something in the house  
to match the Eve style of women's  
clothes.

A Milwaukee man says he has a  
process to make milk direct from  
hay, but the well-known cow beat  
him to it.

## OLD MAID WANTED

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—There's a  
fine job open here for a homely girl  
who would not marry a man on a  
bet.

## Quips and Cranks and Wanton Wiles

**The Shopper**  
(Apologies to Kipling.)  
A shopper there was and he dared  
delay,  
(Even as you and I)  
His Christmas buying full many a  
day.  
We told him to hasten, to speed on  
his way  
But the shopper he smiled and he  
said "Nay, Nay!"  
(Even as you and I)

A shopper there was and his clothes  
were rent  
(Even as you and I)  
'Twas Christmas eve ere he shopping  
went—  
With the precious moments all but  
spent,  
But a shopper must follow his nat-  
ural bent.  
(Even as you and I)

It isn't a shame and he's to blame  
For the "stinging" so proper and  
good.  
It was coming to him and we know  
why  
(And even he may now know why)  
Though he never had understood.  
—J. E. Whiting of the South Bend  
Tribune.

**Collectors Pass On**  
"During the recent epidemic of  
spinal meningitis in Dallas," Repre-  
sentative Buleson of Texas is quoted  
by the New York World as saying,  
"Secretary Paul Casey, of the health  
department, and a sanitary inspector  
went to the shack of a negro to raise  
the quarantine. They started to re-  
move the big health department sign,  
when an old negro mammy came to  
the door.

"No, sho'ly, boss, you all ain't  
gwine ter take dot soign down?" she  
asked.  
"Certainly," answered Casey. "You  
are all well again and we are going  
to remove the quarantine. Don't  
you want the sign taken away?"  
"No, sah, boss, 'cause far ain't  
been nary collectah 'round heah  
sence dat sign was put up."  
"And they went away without the  
sign."

**A Thoughtful Woman**  
A physician tells a story of a phil-  
anthropic doctor in a Pennsylvania  
coal mining town who presented each  
household with a nice new thermo-  
meter and told the people the neces-  
sity of maintaining proper tempera-  
ture. When making the rounds one  
day he observed his thermometer  
hanging in the room. He inquired of  
the woman of the house if she had  
remembered his instructions.

"Indeed, sir, I do," was the re-  
sponse. "I hang the thing right up  
there and I watch it carefully to see  
it does not get too high."  
"Good!" exclaimed the doctor.  
"And what do you do when the tem-  
perature rises above 79 degrees?"  
"Why, sir," answered the woman  
with the air of one faithful to a trust,  
"when it gets too high I take it down  
and put it outside until it cools off."  
—Newark Star.

**Advance News**  
Joseph Jefferson, the actor, tells  
the following story about his father,  
the late Joseph Jefferson, so well be-  
loved by all theater goers.

For a long time before his death,  
Mr. Jefferson was very sensitive upon  
the subject of his retirement from  
the stage. When he was playing in  
one of the southern cities a paper  
came out with the news that he had  
decided to leave the footlights in that  
city.

Mr. Jefferson resented the print-  
ing of such a story and the reporter  
who had brought it in was called  
upon to tell how he got it.

"Why," he explained, "the city  
editor told me to see Jos. Jefferson  
and ask him if it was true that he  
was soon to retire."  
"Well," he was asked, "did you  
see him?"  
"No," he replied, "I went to his  
hotel and sent my card up to his  
room, and it was sent back with this  
written on it:

"Mr. Jefferson has retired."  
"So, you see, I had good authority  
for the story."—Lippincott's.

## STORES CLOSE CHRISTMAS

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 25.—Thou-  
sands of Cleveland store clerks en-  
joyed Christmas eve at home and for  
the first time in years all mercan-  
tile establishments closed last  
night. Retailers united this year and  
agreed to close at 6 p. m.

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ment from food that is put into it.  
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dope, they are soothing, healing and  
stimulating. They school the bowels  
to act without physic. Price 25  
cents. All druggists.—Advertisement.

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This is the newest Parisian street  
costume with a skirt of blue satin,  
pleated at the side so as to show the  
pleated underskirt and give freedom  
in walking. The buttons and loops  
running down the side of the skirt  
are of a darker shade of blue. The  
coat is made of dark blue taffeta  
with two smart little tails. White  
mulle is used to make the jabot and  
waist frills. The hat is a large white  
beaver.

## Museum of Daily Facts and Freaks

**Chop Suey Causes Insanity**  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—A  
declaration that a meal of chop suey  
at a Chinese cafe made him tempo-  
rarily unbalanced resulted in the re-  
lease of ex-Patrolman W. L. Clair-  
born, charged with passing worthless  
checks.

**Misses Head Six Times**  
SAN FRANCISCO—Trying to com-  
mit suicide, George Dolon aimed a  
pistol at his head and fired. He missed  
six times. When the gun was  
empty he quit. His landlady wants  
pay for two broken windows and a  
bureau mirror.

**Tack Dropper on Auto**  
LOS ANGELES—Twenty tire punctures  
in three days had discouraged  
Horace Forax. At the garage, how-  
ever, they found a device above the  
front wheel that dropped tacks as  
an engine spreads sand.

**Save Playmate's Life**  
BISMARCK, N. D.—Forming a  
human chain over the thin ice of a  
skating pond near a school house in  
Baldwin township, seven children,  
none over 8 years old, saved their  
companion, Charlotte Smith, from  
drowning.

**Joy Brings Straight Jacket**  
BERLIN—When his wife suddenly  
returned from a hospital where she  
had been cured of partial blindness,  
Max Gruether went insane from joy  
and was confined in a straight jacket.

**Bathes Baby in Soup**  
MUNICH—Discovery that the re-  
freshment room keeper of a hotel  
had bathed a baby in a soup tureen,  
brought about a pitched battle be-  
tween diners and attaches of the  
place.

**Students Strike**  
ST. PETERSBURG—Students of  
the military medical academy have  
struck against a new order compelling  
of an officer before taking a seat in  
a trolley car.

**Want Dry Dock**  
BOSTON—The port directors vot-  
ed \$3,000,000 for the construction  
of the biggest dry dock in North  
America.

**Cent Per Curse Nets \$4.98**  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Mem-  
bers of the clerical force of the Mich-  
elin Tire factory dropped a cent in  
the poor box every time they used a  
sweat word in 1912. The box today  
contained \$4.98.

**Enjoys Life With Broken Neck**  
NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Wal-  
dorf Miller, who lived eighteen  
months with a broken neck went for  
his first walk today and received a  
silk quilt made by 400 young women  
as a Christmas present.

**Foolish to Have Children**  
NEW YORK—Hearing that a  
washerwoman with thirteen children  
was in destitute circumstances, J. P.  
Morgan sent her a check for \$10-  
000, saying she was a fool to have so  
many children. Friends of the finan-  
cier told the story.

**Suicide Causes Suicide**  
NEW YORK—Despondent because  
her parents had stunted themselves  
to get her a Christmas tree, Esther  
Perler, 18, an invalid, swallowed poi-  
son. She may die.

**Suicide Causes Suicide**  
NEW YORK—The New York State  
Woman's Suffrage association has a  
large stocking hanging outside its  
headquarters with this motto: "Gifts  
from all welcome—especially from  
legislators."

Far off, men, swell, bully and  
threaten; bring them hand to hand,  
and they are feeble folk.—Emerson.

## THE MARRIAGE OF CAPTAIN KETTLE

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Al modern rulers of Mexico from  
Don Hernando Cortez to Don Por-  
firio Diaz have tried to annex the  
interior of Yucatan—and failed;  
and throughout all the ages, all the  
successive powers from the Romans  
to the present Moors who have held  
Morocco have been similarly unsuc-  
cessful in their attacks upon the  
Berber strongholds in the Atlas  
mountains. It argues, if one comes  
to think of it, some particular trait  
of strength which keeps these two  
small districts alone of all the vast  
acres of the globe unexplored by  
the pushing white man, unannexed  
by some other hungry nation, undis-  
turbed by that standard which other  
people have been pleased to set up  
as civilization.

Old Kaid Bergash (father of the  
man Captain Kettle) disliked so  
keenly on first sight) was a tough  
old warrior who ruled his tribe with  
a rod of iron, and was an authority  
on tradition. He lived in a stone  
castle built on an almost inaccessible  
spur of the Atlas, and his tribe  
lived there with him, and within its  
walls stored all their principal gear  
and worldly goods. The castle's  
ground space inside the walls meas-  
ured barely an acre and a half, so  
that when a man or a family needed  
more house-room they built a story  
on to their existing dwelling. Some  
of these huddled sky-scrapers towered  
as much as five stories above  
ground level. But that was the limit.  
One or two ambitious architects  
had tried for greater heights and  
had brought their whole structure  
crumbling in ruin. At least there  
was a tradition that this had hap-  
pened in the year A. D. 1492 when  
the Moors of the Moroccan lowlands  
were busy in Spain, and the Berber  
increase was not kept within reason-  
able limits by war.

Below the surface of the rock,  
great hollows had been dug out in  
very early days for grain and water  
storage, and the fact that the tribal  
flocks and herds were stabled in the  
ground floor of the houses above,  
and gave the water a good ammo-  
nial flavor, was not a trifle to dis-  
turb a Berber palate. And, anyway,  
the tribe had flourished on the ar-  
rangement for a matter of some  
three thousand years.

The engineer of these caverns  
was a sapper who had served his  
time as a mercenary of Carthage,  
and, except that he seems to have  
run to a taste for heavy bronze doors  
and lids to his bins, he appears to  
have done his work efficiently and  
well. He was an expert on sieges,  
and laid down the law that there  
should always be kept in store four  
years' corn, three years' forage for  
the animals, and six years' water;  
which provision has proved efficient  
on many historical occasions, and is  
accordingly maintained today. There  
is also a well in the middle of the  
castle, which has been dug down  
through the rock during sieges—the  
sinking was spread over four hun-  
dred years—and after the first four  
hundred feet it goes down in in-  
clines set spirally round a solid  
central core.

But as they had to drive down-  
ward a matter of twelve hundred  
and fifty feet before they struck  
water, and the air down there is  
very bad, the well is only looked on  
as an additional guarantee, and is in  
reality never used except in mo-  
ments of very great hardship.

On three sides of the castle the  
rocks drops practically sheer into  
the valley, which is a trifle of twelve  
hundred feet below. I fancy there  
must have been a few projections  
once, but those stout-hearted old  
fellows at the back of time who  
built the place must have slung one  
another with rawhide ropes down  
the face of the precipice, and chip-  
ped, and drilled, and quarried with  
their bronze tools till all possible  
footholds dropped down below. Af-  
terward they squared the bits and  
carried them up to the top again,  
round by the path, to use as build-  
ing material.

There was nothing Carthaginian,  
or for that matter African, about  
the building of their outer wall.  
That had quite the Roman touch.  
It was eight to ten feet thick, all of  
tooled stone, with no rubble pack-  
ing, and held together by a mortar  
that was a good deal harder than  
the stone itself. The one gateway, on  
the causeway side, was just wide  
enough to admit a gravid cow, and  
no wider, and the height of a camel's  
hump. The dwelling-houses for  
man and beast inside were less pre-  
tentious. They had not been built  
for eternity, and after the fashion  
set by the Pharaohs, the Jews, and  
the Carthaginians for domestic  
building, were for the most part  
constructed of adobe, which is quite  
good for, say, three hundred years  
or so, if only you keep the weather  
out by a good outside skin of plas-  
ter.

The causeway, too, which was the  
only road by which one could get  
into the castle, was quite a notable  
feature in its way. Originally it  
had been part of the spur on which  
the castle was perched, but it had  
been shaved down the sides here,  
and built up at the edge there, ob-  
viously on some Roman or Cartha-  
ginian model, till today it looks like  
an aqueduct such as one may see,  
for example, near Tunis, only with  
the arches filled, and with men and  
animals instead of water coursing  
along the gutter at its top.

Two cows abreast can get along  
that causeway, if they are not fat  
cows; or two horsemen, if they  
crouch up their outside legs so as  
not to interfere with the parapet;  
or three footmen, if the middle man  
does not swing out his elbows. The  
length of it from the little gateway  
in the big wall to where it fans out



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into bare hillside in some two hun-  
dred and fifty to two hundred and  
eighty yards, and the drop over the  
parapet averages anything between  
fifty and ninety feet sheer.

Furthermore, it is an exception  
to all modern Moroccan rules of  
architecture, in that it is kept in ex-  
cellent repair. In modern times—  
say, since A. D. 745—the Berbers  
have grafted a not very rigid Mo-  
hammedism on the assorted brands  
of paganism which their mercenar-  
ies down through the former ages  
brought home with other loot. They  
admit in theory that every man's  
fate is written on his forehead, and  
that what Allah has ordained will  
come to pass. But they maintain  
that Allah writes the choicest things  
for those who help themselves, and  
so they keep their defenses efficient  
and they discourage the intruder.  
(To Be Continued)

**Guaranteed**  
A man who was greatly troubled  
with rheumatism bought some red  
flannel underwear recently, which  
was guaranteed in every respect, and  
a couple of weeks later returned to  
the store where he made his pur-  
chase.

"These flannels are not what you  
claimed them to be," he said to the  
clerk.  
"What is the trouble with them?"  
asked the clerk, "have they faded or  
shrunk?"  
"Faded 'shrunk!' cried the pur-  
chaser, indignantly, "why, when I  
came down to breakfast this morning  
with one of them on my wife asked  
me:

"What are you wearing the bab-  
by's pink coral necklace for?"—Har-  
per's Weekly.

**Sick of Love**  
A Washington woman has in her  
employ as a butler a dandy of a  
pompous and satisfied man who not  
long ago permitted a chocolate-col-  
ored damsel, long his ardent admir-  
er, to become his spouse.

One day when the mistress of the  
house had occasion temporarily to  
avail herself of the services of the  
butler's wife it was observed that  
whenever the duties of the two  
brought them in conjunction the  
bride's eye would shine with extraor-

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## NORTH SIDE NEWS

### NORTH SIDE BRIEFS

A good show at the Dreamland.  
Clessen Wiles of Proctor, Minn., is  
visiting friends and relatives on the  
north side.

The Charles St. Lutheran church  
will hold their Christmas exercises  
Thursday evening.

Miss Good is visiting friends and  
relatives in Tomah.

Miss Lillian Swenson is spending  
the holidays in Tomah.

Miss Matilda Schwerdt of Madison  
is visiting friends and relatives on  
the north side.

Mrs. Stendahl who has been visit-  
ing friends and relatives in North  
Dakota, has returned home.

Miss Elsie Blank is visiting rela-  
tives and friends in Milwaukee.

Mr. Busche, 506 Milwaukee street  
has returned from Decatur, Ill.

Parker-Hirt Machine Co. is the  
most modern Auto Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Spears are visiting  
relatives and friends in Trempealeau.

Miss Nan Johnson who has been  
visiting relatives and friends on the  
north side, has returned to Prairie  
du Chien.

Mrs. A. Batchelor is ill at her home  
at 1528 Kane street.

Mr. and Mrs. Glasson of 1433 Kane  
street, are spending the holidays  
with friends and relatives in Prairie  
du Chien.

Oscar Johnson of Madelia, Minn.,  
is visiting relatives and friends on  
the north side.

Mr. Skemp of De Soto is here to  
spend Christmas with his family at  
1649 Kane street.

Oscar Johnson of Madelia, Minn.,  
is visiting his parents today.

Miss Alene Grenner of Viroqua, is  
visiting Mrs. Gullikson, 1342 Avon  
street.

Miss Lillian Jofade, 1818 Charles  
street, who has been confined to her  
home is able to be out.

Mrs. Welch and daughter Doro-  
thy are spending Christmas at the  
home of Miss Lizzie Larken, 413  
Caledonia street.

Walter Asselin, who has been visit-  
ing at the home of his parents, at  
1523 Kane street, will leave tonight  
for Minneapolis where he will re-  
sume his duties.

Mrs. T. Baum and children of Racine  
are visiting friends here for a  
few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Schram of Chicago,  
are visiting at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. L. Fjelstad, 1533 Berlin street.

Mrs. Dittmer who has been visit-  
ing Mrs. Collidge, 1820 George street,  
has returned to her home at Mead-  
ville.

Miss Agnes Gesell of Winona, is  
visiting friends here.

Mrs. Charles Rice, who has been  
visiting at the home of Mrs. J. Smith  
of 1502 Kane street, has returned to  
her home in Minneapolis.

### SAYS ALASKA NEEDS MORE RAILROADS

North Side Man Returns  
from Long Trip in North-  
ern Territory; Forest  
Inspector

NECESSARY TO IMPORT COAL

Rivers Principal Means of  
Travel Open Only for  
Five Months in  
the Year

E. C. Erickson, 1432 Kane street,  
who has just returned from a three  
months' trip to Alaska, tells many  
interesting facts about this northern  
country which are not generally  
known. Mr. Erickson is in the em-  
ploy of the government and he is an  
inspector of national forests, his ter-  
ritory being California, Washington,  
Oregon and Alaska.

"Alaska needs railroads on the  
coast at least for as it is now the only  
means of transportation are the riv-  
ers and by hauling on sleds across  
the ice," said Mr. Erickson. "A rail-  
road should be built from the coast  
to Fairbanks as this would be for the  
best interests of the country inas-  
much as it would then pass the coal  
fields which are now lying idle while  
the people have to import coal at a  
high cost."

"The people of Alaska are now  
paying \$18 per ton for coal which  
has to be imported from British Co-  
lumbia and all this time the rich  
coal fields of the northern country  
are idle. These coal fields should be  
opened up and the mining of the fuel  
should be started for it is almost  
certain that an unlimited amount of  
coal is to be found there. Of course  
it is impossible for an individual to  
open the fields and mine the coal  
but the government could have the  
fields opened or lease them to some-  
body and in that way a substantial  
revenue could be secured."

"The Copper River railroad, about  
175 miles in length and owned by the  
Guggenheims, is practically the only  
railroad in Alaska although there  
are a few small roads which go to the  
mines. It can be readily seen what  
an advantage it would be to the coun-  
try to have some railroads built  
which would furnish a good means of  
transportation for other means of  
travel are uncertain and slow."

"At the present time one of the  
main methods of travel is on the riv-  
ers but these streams are not open  
for navigation more than about five  
months in the year. The Yukon,  
which is the principal river, is filled  
with boats all the time during the  
open season but this river is open

only five months. After the rivers  
have frozen the only mode of travel  
is by sleds and all goods are trans-  
ported and all traveling is done in  
this way during the coldest months."

Mr. Erickson declared that the  
United States should make Alaska  
a territory and he says that the peo-  
ple there want it. He says that the  
people there want the right to vote  
as they would like to show that they  
want the coal fields opened up and  
they desire a voice in other matters.  
They will have their first legislature  
in Alaska this year. Although the  
people are not dissatisfied with the  
way in which they have been govern-  
ed thus far the Alaskans think they  
should have the right to vote and  
this is what they want.

"Fishing and mining are the two  
principal industries of Alaska," said  
Mr. Erickson. "A large majority of  
those living on the coast are fisher-  
men and as a result great quanti-  
ties of salmon, halibut and fresh  
fish are caught and exported. There  
is also much lumbering done and  
there are seven large sawmills on  
the coast but only enough lumber for  
use in Alaska is secured. Last year  
42,000,000 feet of lumber were sold  
but this was used for making fish  
boxes and remained in Alaska."

"The second largest if not the larg-  
est gold mine in the world is locat-  
ed at Treadwell, Alaska," said Mr.  
Erickson, "and great quantities of  
gold are mined there every year. The  
mining industry is a great one in  
Alaska and most of those employed  
in that country are interested in  
mines. Of course individuals can't  
very well carry on mining alone but  
there are many prospectors who work  
small claims alone and occasionally  
great finds are made. One day last  
summer a shipment of gold worth  
\$2,500,000 came from Fairbanks,  
thus showing that a quantity of the  
metal is being found. Although this  
is a much larger amount than was  
found some time ago when everybody  
went to the Klondike in the great  
rush for gold it did not cause many  
prospectors to come to Alaska. A  
good quality of rock is also found in  
Alaska and there are many mills  
where the stone is crushed. In one  
mill 5,000 tons of rock are crushed  
in a day."

"The mining industry is responsi-  
ble for the growth of the country and  
as a result of the mines many of the  
towns have sprung up and are grow-  
ing larger all the time. Juneau, the  
capital, now has a population of 2-  
500 but it is growing so fast that it  
is predicted that by next fall 5,000  
people will be living there."

"Living is not as expensive in  
Alaska as is sometimes thought, al-  
though some things are rather high  
priced but these include mostly the  
luxuries. Meals cost from 35 cents  
to \$1.00 at the hotels which are the  
only place one can eat. Merchandise  
is a little more expensive than here  
but not very much."

"A trip from Seattle to Alaska by  
(Continued on Page Six)

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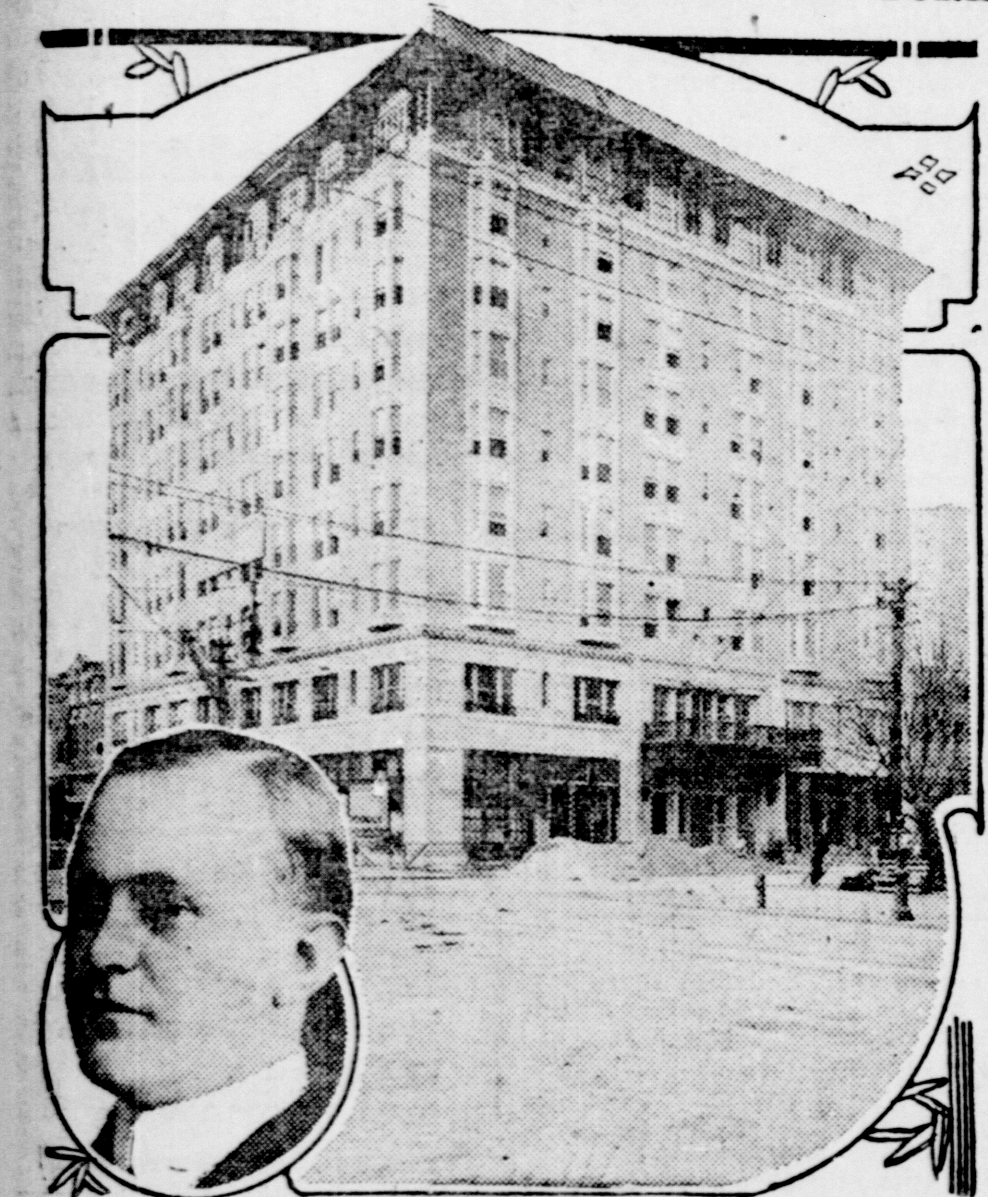


# COLORADO JONATHAN APPLES

Fine eating medium size Red Fruit, just what you want for the tree. You can get a box from your grocer, or you can get them at

## JOHN C. BURNS FRUIT HOUSE

MACON IS UP-TO-DATE; BUILDS HOTEL THAT WOULD DO CREDIT TO NEW YORK



Macon, Ga.'s new Hotel Dempsey and R. S. Hubbel, its manager. Some idea of the spirit which pervades the New South may be gained from the fact that citizens of Macon, Ga., raised a million dollars for the erection and furnishing of a hotel which, when completed, would do credit to any of the larger cities of the north. Yet in 1910 Macon had a population of only about 40,000. A new hotel is complete in every way, with cafes, ball room, banquet hall and roof garden. It will be ready for occupancy March 1. Its manager will be R. S. Hubbel, an experienced New York hotel man.

**Laugh and Grow Fat.**  
Democritus, who was always laughing, lived one hundred and nine years; Heraclitus, who never ceased crying, only sixty. Laughing, then, is best, and to laugh at another is perfectly justifiable, since we are told that the gods themselves, though they made us as they pleased, cannot help laughing at us.

**Why Jocko Failed in Business.**  
"I'm sorry to hear," said the Lion, "that poor little Jocko has failed in his laundry business." "Yes," replied the Wombat, "he undertook too large a contract by washing the Giraffe's collars for two cents each."

**It's nice to be treated like one of the family—in some families.**  
The optimist gets some satisfaction from the fact that the people he doesn't like aren't twins.

**Not an Effective Branch.**  
The learned counsel was endeavoring to impress the court with the fact that his client had always been anxious to settle. "My lord," he said, "impressively, 'only eighteen months ago we held out the olive branch.' " "Yes," responded the witty judge, "but there were no olives on it."

**Unfair Blow.**  
Charming Wife—"Gerald, all I had to pay for this lovely hat was \$30. How does it strike you?" Surprised Husband (gasping)—"Marie, that strikes me below the money belt!"—Chicago Tribune.

**New Idea in Fruit Growing.**  
An electric motor to vibrate gently a fruit tree so that the sap flows to the buds and blossoms and enables them to resist frost has been patented by a Colorado orchardist.

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# Latest Sporting News

## MAY HAVE A BOAT RACE IN JANUARY

"Wild Cat I" and Another Racer May Be in Contest at Motor Boat Show

### RACE TO BE UNIQUE ATTRACTION

River Will Not Be Frozen at St. Louis, so Fast Boats Will Probably Compete

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—A mid-winter race between "Wild Cat I," champion 20-foot boat of the Mississippi river and some other speedy St. Louis racer, may be one of the unique attractions in connection with the second annual motor boat show of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association, here from January 6th to 12th, inclusive.

The river never freezes at St. Louis and the more daring of the motor boating fraternity can run their boats all winter if they desire. Often the "January thaw" strikes St. Louis early in the month and the weather becomes as balmy as in summer. In hopes that this condition will prevail next month, Walter Beauvais, the well known designer and owner of "Wild Cat I," is trying to arrange a real motor boat race for the entertainment of show visitors. If held, it will probably be the first similar event ever attempted at this time of year, anywhere in the United States, as far north as St. Louis.

## BROWN MEETS YOUNG CALDWELL TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—No boxing bouts were scheduled in Manhattan today and New Yorkers who wanted to enjoy the sport were forced to journey across the river to the Brooklyn clubs.

The best card seems to be the mill between Knockout Brown and Young Caldwell, a Jersey City lightweight, who will get together at the Irving Athletic club this afternoon. Willie Fitzgerald faces Joe White of New York at the Brooklyn Beach Athletic club. The other bouts are Joe Eagan of Boston and Bob Masses at the Queensboro Athletic club, and Frankie Diener and Paddy Collins will hold forth at the Gowanus club.

## SHERIFF STOPS ALL FIGHTING AT GARY

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The proposed prize fight revival at Gary, Ind., has died. The lid has been snapped on the Calumet Athletic club and its weekly fight program. Sheriff Henry Whitaker of Lake county, Ind., spiked it.

Whitaker says the four bout programs arranged for New Years day will have to be called off or he will swear in a force of deputies to raid the club. There will be no boxing in his administration, he says.

If you want a carriage get the Gateway City Trif. Line. Phone 179.—Advertisement.

### DAWSON IS COACH

ALLIANCE, Ohio, Dec. 25.—R. H. Dawson, a Cleveland attorney, will pilot the Mount Union eleven through the Ohio conference pennant race next year. Mount Union has not been beaten on the home field in two years.

### Concerning Woman.

When God thought of mother, he must have laughed with satisfaction and framed it quickly—so rich, so deep, so divine, so full of soul, power and beauty was the conception.—Henry Ward Beecher.

### By Installments.

The "epoch-making advice" of a bookmaker to a colleague in distress is related in Vanity Fair. The colleague had been paid \$25 on a bet by a certain captain, who, in a fit of absent-mindedness, paid him the same amount again next day. "What shall I do about it?" asked the bookmaker of his friend; and prompt came the answer: "Ask him for it again."

### Discriminating Sparrows.

An Atchison man planted lettuce, but as fast as it came through the ground the English sparrows ate it off. He finally got a few small flags and stuck them in the lettuce bed and not a sparrow would consent to touch that lettuce as long as Old Glory floated over it.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

### Not Inconvenienced.

"Did the dissolution of your gigantic corporation cause you inconvenience?" "Not the slightest," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "I needed an enlarged and improved system of branch offices, anyhow."

### Garrulous Lady.

Tom Hood, on hearing the plety of a very loquacious lady spoken of, said: "Yes, she is well known for her magpiety."

Not belonging to either the animal or the vegetable kingdom, the spring of a watch must be a mineral spring.

## PALZER READY TO FIGHT M'CARTHY

Al Recovers from Illness and Even Money Is Being Wagered on the Battle

### M'CARTHY'S FRIENDS WANT ODDS

Luther's Manager Is Confident that the Big Fighter Will Defeat Palzer

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—The steady improvement of Al Palzer, the heavyweight who is to contest for the McCarey diamond belt emblematic of the heavyweight championship on New Year's day, has brought forth money in large quantities. Palzer is entirely recovered from his recent slight illness and his daily training camp appearance has instilled a confidence in his followers that has brought forth a flood of backing.

While there is little McCarthy coin in sight, yet the odds stubbornly remain at even money. McCarthy's friends are holding off, it is thought, until Palzer's backers become so bold that the odds will favor them. This, it is believed, will occur before the men enter the ring.

Both the big fellows will do an extraordinary amount of work this afternoon, each having arranged for extra sparring partners so that they can box ten or a dozen rounds. They plan to make this the last big day's work of the training period and will extend themselves to the limit for the edification of the holiday fans. It is said Palzer will "cut loose" for the first time today. It is claimed by the big fellow's followers that he never has been compelled to extend himself, even in his hardest fights, but promises to open up and show his real ability.

Billy McCarney, manager of McCarthy, is more confident of a McCarthy victory New Year's day than he was that the Nebraska giant would whip Flynn.

"Luther is getting into splendid condition and will be considerably improved both in condition and in the fight he will put up," says McCarney.

Both men took things easy today, lounging about their quarters for most of the day.

## CUBS MAY TRADE VETERAN FIELDER

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Jimmie Sheppard, Cub outfielder for the last six years, may have played his last game in a Cub uniform. It is said that Charles W. Murphy, owner of the club, is contemplating a deal whereby Sheppard will be traded for a good pitcher. Murphy says he will have a strong enough outfield without Sheppard, while his team will have no chance without one more star slabsman.

### Common Ammunition.

A country officer-elect, inflated by favorable editorials during the campaign, is getting so unbearably swelled-headed that his friends talk of the paddle cure.—Emporia Gazette.

### Steel Stays Stopped Bullet.

Steel stays have saved many a woman's life. Not long ago Mary Hennessy was taken to Bellevue hospital with a flesh wound in the side, and Dr. Drury discovered that had it not been for a steel stay which deflected the bullet the wound would have been fatal, for the slug had been traveling toward a vital organ.

### Clogged Sewing Machine.

When a sewing machine will not work, stand it near the fire so that the oil may melt, and then clean with pure paraffin, putting it into every oil hole. Work the machine well, and then wipe every part with a clean cloth. When perfectly clean, lubricate with machine oil.

### Success and Failure.

It is sometimes hard to find out just how the man who is successful has managed to succeed, but it is always easy to see why failure comes to those who fail.—Chicago Record Herald.

### Hindu Charm.

"The God-given Almighty Power is moving within me to give health, success and happiness. I shall be shown the way to help bring about all these conditions. Love, Light and Kindness wait upon me. I shall be shown the way."

### Air Flight for Consumption.

If you have incipient consumption—take a flight in an airship. Doctor Flemming, an eminent authority on tuberculosis, lecturing before the Berlin Aeronautical association, described the benefits of high altitudes upon those afflicted, and asserted that fifteen minutes' exposure to the sun's rays during an airship flight at high altitude was certain death to the bacilli of tuberculosis.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but that isn't the reason so many husbands and wives separate. Most of us are full of sympathy—for ourselves.

## MOTOR BOAT 'BUGS' READY FOR SHOW

La Crosse Club to Be Well Represented at M. V. P. B. A. Show at St. Louis in January

### MANY WESTERNERS TO EXHIBIT

Manufacturers of Middle West Taking Interest in Event; Thirty-two Clubs Represented

La Crosse boatmen will probably be well represented at the Mississippi Valley Motor Boat show at St. Louis, starting January 6, as Mr. W. V. Kidder and other well known motor boat enthusiasts here have been informed of the detailed plan for the entertainment of visiting boatmen, and numerous motor boatmen of this place have been holding off with their plans for next year, to have a chance to see all the new boats, motors and accessories exhibited at St. Louis, before buying, designing or equipping their boats.

At last year's show, most of the exhibitors were eastern concerns, although there were some from the west. This time, however, a large number of the exhibitors will be firms located in the middle west, the success of last year's event having convinced them that the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association can conduct a big midsummer show as successfully as the older boating interests of the east.

Although the marine motor is a comparatively recent creation, some of the greatest manufacturers of the United States are located in the middle west, and with 40,000 miles of navigable rivers tributary to the Mississippi and hundreds of beautiful lakes, the western country offers more inducement for boating than the great lakes region and the sea coasts.

There are thirty-two thriving boat clubs affiliated with the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association, under whose auspices the show is held, and nearly all of them will send large delegations to the St. Louis exhibition. The St. Louis boat clubs are preparing a program of entertainment for the visitors.

## NEW BOXING RULES BEING DISCUSSED

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Promoters of boxing bouts generally were discussing the new rules formulated by the state boxing commission today, and trying to solve several knotty points. The first subject to debate is the rule governing infighting.

Provision is made for a clean break, but the language of the rule does not make it clear as to the extent to which fighters may use their hands while breaking from a clinch. It is pointed out that referees, in trying to interpret the rule, may incur the displeasure of the crowds.

The feature of the new rules is the provision for cotton gauze as bandages for the hands instead of the heavy tape formerly in use. This, it is said, will not pack tightly and make it possible for fighters to inflict severe damage on the faces of their opponents. Altogether, the commission seems to have aimed at reforms to minimize the brutality of the sport and at the same time to increase the possibility for scientific boxing.

### MAY MEET WHITE

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, may meet Charlie White, Chicago lightweight, in Milwaukee about the middle of January. White gave Kilbane a great fight a year ago just before Kilbane went to the coast and became a feather champion.

### Art of Living.

The art of living rightly is like all arts . . . it must be learned and practiced with incessant care.—Goethe.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE FAMINE HITS CITY

Shortage in Evergreens Is Said to Be Caused by Small Profits to Growers

### ALL STORES ARE "JUST OUT"

Trimmings of Home Celebration Will Be Lacking the Present Year

Scores of the little tots of La Crosse are doomed to the deepest kind of disappointment on Christmas, for what adds more to a Christmas celebration than a Christmas tree? And that is just the problem La Crosse is facing.

For the first time in its history a real Christmas tree famine is on in La Crosse. The last Christmas tree on the market was sold Monday and parents and friends have been making a canvass of all the stores in the city in the vain hope of discovering one of the precious articles in some secluded little shop. Inquiry after inquiry, however, invariably brought the same answer, "Just out."

Some of the fathers, fearing to face the little ones in the guise of Santa Claus, with the Christmas tree absent, have made a canvass of several of the nearest villages by telephone only to find that the famine included the surrounding territory as well as the city.

A. A. Johnson, manager of the City Grocery store, attributes the shortage of Christmas trees to the small returns received by the growers. According to the declarations of Mr. Johnson, Christmas tree growers do not take the proper care of their trees or trim them properly and as a result can not procure profitable prices. This has discouraged the growing of the trees and resulted in large numbers abandoning this product.

The shortage of trees this year, which is being experienced through the entire middle west, will cause many former Christmas tree producers to again place trees on the market and will probably result in the improvement of the trees, according to the assertion of Mr. Johnson.

### Look That Gives Joy.

Gold and silver may supply us with the necessities of life, with food and drink, clothes and houses; but they cannot give the joy of a kind look.—Lord Avebury.

### As Was Shown.

Mrs. Jimmie—"One thing I do is to teach my children etiquette." Mrs. Knox—"Yes; your Jimmy just hit my Waldo very politely with a club."

The fellow who is always forgetting himself has no right to kick when he is forgotten. Heroes are merely men we read about in novels, or see in plays.

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to write ads, so we will just occupy this space in wishing you all a

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### Empty Feast.

"Why did you leave that boarding-house?" "Because the swiftness was at the expense of the food supply." "What do you mean?" "Four kinds of forks and two kinds of vegetables."

"I belong to that large army of patriots who would like to whip a bully, but who lack confidence and the punch."—Rufe Hoskins.

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## CHRISTMAS SEALS TO RETAIN NURSE

Sale of Seals Brings \$300  
and Similar Amount Is  
Realized from Pri-  
vate Donations

## INSURES SCHOOL NURSE FOR CITY

Amount Raised Will Be  
Sufficient to Provide for  
School Nurse Salary  
Until Next June

La Crosse will retain its school nurse at least until the end of the present school term in June. This is the announcement made today by E. S. Heberd, president of the Associated charities, following a rough estimate made on the sale of Christmas seals and donations received during the campaign which was brought to a close last night.

As a result of the Christmas seal campaign which has been carried on with the aid of the Twentieth Century, nurses, school children and other charitable organizations, about \$600 has been realized. Of this amount \$300 will go to the Wisconsin Anti-tuberculosis association and \$300 to the visiting nurse fund.

In addition to the \$300 obtained through the sale of Christmas seals donations have been received amounting to about \$300. This makes \$600 that will be available for the visiting nurse fund.

The sale of Christmas seals by the school children of the public schools amounted to \$136.57 and of the hospital nurses \$99. Much credit is due the ladies of the Twentieth Century club for the splendid work they accomplished during the campaign.

The sale of seals this year was smaller than that of last year.

## CITY CHRISTMAS TREE IN NEW YORK

Extravagant Indulgence  
and Dire Poverty Marks  
Day in America's  
Greatest City

## \$50,000 SPENT BY CHARITY

Fashionables Spend Holi-  
days in the Country;  
Lonesome Crowds  
Surround Tree

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—New York is celebrating the day of days in its time honored fashion of extremes in extravagant indulgence and dire poverty. The fashionable hotels and restaurants and the gilded lobster palaces of Broadway ushered in the anniversary of the stable-born Christ child with a plennora of rag time and cork popping, while the brethren of the headline stood in double ranks before the coffee stands or shuffled off through the snow clutching their precious night lodging tickets.

The most distinct feature of this year's celebration was the huge city Christmas tree, standing in Madison square. It was a fragrant monument to the happy thought of a woman idealist and a little group of enthusiasts who aided in bringing the great pine from the Adirondack forests and having it installed in the square for "the lonely poor and rich." For hours last night crowds stood around the tree, ablaze with a thousand multi-colored electric lights, and listened to the Christmas caroling of the Macdowell chorus assisted by the Gwent choir and a brass band. The tree will be lighted every night for a week.

A great proportion of the fashionable townfolk left the city today to spend the Yuletide season in the usual round of gay country house parties but there are enough visitors and stay-at-homes of wealth still on hand to make a glittering show of seasonal gaiety in the various uptown gathering places.

The charitable organizations will spend today a total of about \$50,000 in behalf of the needy ones, and the Salvation Army's Christmas dinner and basket distribution is expected to reach record proportions.

## 'COUNTESS' SWINDLER

BERLIN POLICE UNCOVER HAIR-  
DRESSER'S ASSISTANT IN  
ROLE OF DARING AD-  
VENTURESS

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—Posing as a rich Roumanian countess condemned to a loveless marriage with a Serbian prince, Lydia Mehle, hairdresser's assistant, has been sent to prison for swindling wealthy and amorous Berliners. Attracted by her beauty, alleged title and wealth, a prominent government official was easily persuaded to take the "Countess Dermusie" out to dinner of evenings, and to lend her \$100 to enable her to return home to ask papa's permission to call off the Serbian match.

She wrote him loving letters from Roumania, but police inquiries developed that she had gone there to hire out as a governess at \$10 a week. It was also proven at the trial that she had told another wealthy Berliner, an architect, that she had been able to break off the Serbian engagement in order to marry her new admirer.

**COLDS CAUSE HEADACHE AND GRIP**  
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## LA CROSSE COUNTY GETS ONE

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trict February 11  
and 12

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 25.—During the next four months 132 farmers' institutes will be held in sixty-eight counties of Wisconsin. Every day except Sunday and the holiday week, six institutes will be in progress. In some of the counties from three to four will be held. In others where a number were held last year, only one will be held this year. The first institutes began Dec. 10 and will close March 14. Following the county institutes all over the state, a round-up institute, the twenty-seventh annual event of the kind, will be held at Clintonville on March 18, 19, 20.

The county institutes this year will be conducted by L. E. Scott, of Stanley; David Imrie, H. D. Griswold, L. P. Martiny, E. C. Jacobs and Fred Stubley. Cooking schools will be conducted in connection with institutes at forty-one places. The three cooking school instructors will be Miss Nellie Maxwell, Miss Edith L. Clift and Miss Laura Breese.

Institutes will be held as follows: Dec. 10 to 11, Hersey, Centuria, Sarona, Star Prairie, Coomer and Polar; Dec. 12 to 13, Elmwood, Frederick, Winter, River Falls, Danbury, Port Wing; Dec. 17 to 18, Amery, Stone Lake, Trego, Hurley, Bloomer and Campa; Dec. 19 to 20, Butternut, Gilman, Bruce, Mellen, Cornell and Barronette; Jan. 7 to 8, Wausaukee, Amberg, Antigo, Eagle River, Mosling, Birmingwood; Jan. 9 to 10, Homestead, Coleman, Edgar, Crandon, Green Valley, Elderon; Jan. 14 to 15, Albertville, Hixton, Valley Junction, Fairchild, Gilmanton and Plum City; Jan. 16 to 17, Red Cedar, Pigeon Falls, town of Washburn, Blair, Strum, Waumandee; Jan. 21 to 22, Amherst, Medford, Greenwood, Waupaca, Milladore, Abbotshof; Jan. 23 to 24, Bancroft, Hull, Nekosha, Stockton, Withee, Ogema; Jan. 28 to 29, Sturgeon Bay, Forestville, Norman, Iola, Pensaukee, Stiles; Jan. 30 to 31, Alcona, Fish Creek, Larrabee, Welcome, Champion, Pulaski.

Feb. 11 to 12, Rockland, Eastman, Norwalk, Reedsville, Rio, Townville; Feb. 13 to 14, North Bend, Viola, Coon Valley, Wrightstown, Kilbourn, Rockton; Feb. 18 to 19, Mt. Vernon, Muscodia, Lancaster, Belmont, New Glarus, Prairie du Sac; Feb. 20 to 21, Magnolia, North Andover, Barneveld, Hazel Green, Browntown, Hub City; Feb. 25 to 26, Deerfield, Gotham, Nashotah, Pleasant Prairie, Honey Creek, Lime Ridge; Feb. 27 to 28, Wales, Boaz, Iron Ridge, Salem, Franksville, Dane.

March 4 to 5, Endeavor, Friendship, Brown Deer, Hartford, Pine River, Dalton; March 6 to 7, Plainfield, Oakfield, Fredonia, Kekoskee, Clyman, Brooks; March 11 to 12, Hustler, Omro, Cedarburg, Johnsonville, Dundas, Palmyra; March 13 to 14, Kendall, Meeme, Cedar Grove, Mt. Calvary, Valders, West Bend.

whereupon elaborate betrothal festivities were arranged at a fashionable hotel. The prospective bridegroom readily furnished her with a costly trousseau, and when she remarked that the Emperor of Austria had accepted an invitation to shoot on one of her estates, he added a couple of maids and a lackey.

The police believe that she swindled others similarly before being caught, but that they refrained from making complaint for fear of public ridicule.

When a foreman gets back to his home town for a visit he is apt to be a general manager.

Farming has several drawbacks not exploited in the farm journals.

It's foolish to sit down and waste your time thinking about all the time you have wasted.

## STATE HAS MANY KINDS OF CLIMATE

Professors of State Agri-  
cultural Experiment  
Station Write on  
the Subject

## GROWING SEASON VARIES MUCH

175 Days from Frost to  
Frost in South and 75  
Days Only on the  
Iron Range

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 25.—The climate of Wisconsin and its relation to agriculture is made the subject of a new bulletin of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment station written by Professors A. R. Whitson and O. E. Baker. The most important temperature condition in relation to agriculture, it says, is the length of the growing season (meaning the number of days from the last killing frost in the spring to the first killing frost in the fall). The length of time from frost to frost varies as widely in Wisconsin as in any other eastern state, ranging from 175 days at Dubuque to 75 days on the iron ranges along the Michigan border. Thus, the length of the frostless period at Dubuque, Beloit and Madison is as long as in the higher hills of Northern Georgia, or the valley of Virginia, while 75 days is as short as that of Saskatchewan, eastern Oregon, or Alaska.

The combined effect of elevation and lake influence upon the length of the growing season is quite striking," the bulletin continues. "Whereas the five Michigan shore stations at Racine, Milwaukee, Sheboygan, Manitowoc and Kewaunee show an average season of 171 days, the five highland stations at Darlington, Mt. Horeb, Hillsboro, Hatfield and Neillsville, lying at corresponding latitudes average only 130 days. Similarly, the average growing season for Duluth, Superior, Bayfield and Ashland is 139 days, while the average of the northern highland stations at Solon Springs, Hayward, Butternut and Vandesare, though located further to the south, is 95 days."

In the northern part of the state, the length of the growing season gradually is shortened until the headwaters of the streams are approached, until a minimum of 75 days is reached in Vilas county. Descending to the Lake Superior shore, the growing season increases rapidly in length, reaching 126 days at Ashland, 135 days at Bayfield and probably 150 days on the Apostle Islands.

The authors raise the question whether Wisconsin is becoming drier, it being the belief of many, based partly on the dry summers of 1908 and 1910, that the rainfall in this state is gradually decreasing in amount. Aside from an extraordinary rainfall in the decade 1875 to 1885 recorded at Beloit, Dubuque and Madison, and corroborated by the combined records of Milwaukee and St. Paul since 1844, there is no adequate evidence of a diminishing precipitation, conclude the authors.

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LA CROSSE, WIS.

**TO SAVE OLD FORT**  
OLD FORT EDMONTON ERECTED BEFORE 1805 TO BE PURCHASED FOR PEOPLE IF AGITATION WINS

EDMONTON, Alta., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Arthur Murphy, president of the Women's Canadian and the Women's Press clubs of Edmonton, is at the head of a movement to bring before the provincial legislature at its session next spring a plan to preserve for the people the buildings known as Fort Edmonton, formerly owned and occupied by the Hudson Bay company, organized in 1670. The fort, erected prior to 1805 and known as "the last house of the world," is to be restored by using the original materials. The original fort was owned by the Northwest Fur company and was built in the latter part of the eighteenth century by J. Hughes, M. Shaw and J. MacDonald of Garth. It was known as Fort des Paroisses and Hughes' fort in 1805. This and the Hudson Bay company's post were amalgamated in 1821. W. Bird, a factor of the last named company, named the place Fort Edmonton after his birthplace in England. The building occupies a prominent site on Parliament Hill.

## LA CRESCENT BOY KILLED BY CARS

Milford Polzen Falls Under  
Gravel Train; Mangled  
Body Brought to  
La Crosse

## FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

Boys in Habit of Riding on  
Cars; Medical Aid  
Arrives Too  
Late

While riding on one of the small trains which are being used to haul gravel, Milford, the 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Polzen of La Crescent, fell under one of the cars and was so badly injured that he died at a local hospital at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

La Crescent boys have been in the habit of riding on these small cars, and Milford Polzen was on one of them yesterday afternoon when he fell under the wheels. The wheels passed over him, and both his legs were badly mangled, while he received internal injuries also. Dr. G. J. Egan was called and he had the boy brought to a hospital here, but he was so badly injured that medical aid could not help him. The accident happened about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

He is survived by his mother and father and one sister.

The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow afternoon, with Rev. Herman officiating at the services. Burial will be made in the La Crescent cemetery.

## CHRISTMAS WEEK CELEBRATED HERE

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Christmas tree will play a conspicuous part in bringing happiness to the little ones.

**St. Michael's Orphanage**  
Christmas was observed by the children at the St. Michael's Orphanage last night when a Christmas tree and Santa Claus dealt out presents and happiness alike. The following program was given:

Christmas Song—Pupils of the school.

An Orphan's Christmas—Laura Baker.

Doing Without It—John Manning.

The Christmas Candle—Dorothy Fries.

Song, "Christmas Bells"—Pupils of the school.

Santa Claus Man—Ambrose Coady.

Just Came From China—Lawrence Gleason.

The Christmas Tree—Mary Green.

The Twins—Walter and Nicholas Kohn.

Song, "Goodbye"—Pupils of the school.

**F. R. A. Dance Thursday**

Prominent among the holiday social events scheduled for the Christmas week is the Christmas ball of the F. R. A. This, the third of the series of four dances given annually by this organization, promises to eclipse all former social functions given under the auspices of the F. R. A. this year. The dancing party will be held at Linker's hall Thursday night.

The committee on decorations, assisted by President A. C. Radke have been working since Monday and have accomplished results which do credit to both themselves and the organization. The hall has been decorated in green and red with ferns and other floral decorations intermingled with F. R. A. pennants, giving the hall a beautiful effect.

Andre's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music and the arrangement committee has completed all minor details.

**E. F. U. to Give Banquet**

The annual holiday event of the E. F. U. will take the form of a banquet to be held at the E. F. U. hall Wednesday, Jan. 7 when Judge John C. Karel of Milwaukee, will give an address. Several prominent men of the state, connected with the order, will give toasts at the banquet. Among the local speakers are John F. Doherly and James B. Murray. Following the banquet the officers elected for 1913 will be installed.

**Dinner at County Farm**

At the county poor farm, the regular Christmas dinner will be served at noon today and the little presents, many of them home made, will be passed among the occupants following the dinner.

## GREEN BAY ROAD MAY CHANGE HANDS

Option Procured on Majority  
of Green Bay Stock by  
the Hawley Inter-  
ests

## CARGILL FORMER VICE PRESIDENT

Cargill Estate Formerly  
Owned Block of Stock and  
May Still Be in Posses-  
sion of Interest

The Green Bay and Western Railroad company may pass into new hands between now and June 30, 1913, according to a dispatch from Milwaukee this morning. The Green Bay is one of the five railroads entering La Crosse, and was induced to enter the city in the eighties by the payment on the part of the city of the sum of \$75,000. The late W. W. Cargill was vice president of the road, and the Cargill estate possessed a block of the stock.

The Milwaukee dispatch is as follows:

Newman Erb, representing the Hawley interests, has secured an option on 18,000 out of the 25,000 shares of common stock of the Green Bay and Western railway company, paying \$100,000 for the same, to expire on March 1, 1913, with the privilege of extending the option to June 30 upon payment of a large additional amount.

Mr. Erb and his engineers have made several trips of inspection over the line this fall and in view of the large amount paid for the option it seems reasonably certain that the ownership of the road will be changed soon. Mr. Erb is connected with the Ann Arbor, Chesapeake and Ohio, the Minneapolis and St. Louis and Iowa Central lines now.

As the offices of the Cargill estate were closed today it was impossible to learn whether the estate still owns the Green Bay stock, and whether that stock is covered by the option secured by Mr. Erb.

## PUBLIC DEBATE

(By Moncena Dunn)

"I have been told that there is a machine in existence by which panics can be brought about. If there is a man who dares to use such a machine I promise him, not for myself, but on behalf of the people, a gibbet as high as Haman's."

This is in substance President-elect Wilson's warning to Wall street financiers who do not take the time to notice the drift of public opinion, or if they do they underestimate the power of an enlightened public.

Will President Wilson try to carry out his platform pledges? What will he do if he runs up against a panic? These are two questions which many reactionary skeptics, as well as some others, are asking.

How will he get the necessary control of congress to carry them out? Of course, congress is democratic, but many of those democrats are reactionaries. This also is being urged as an insurmountable stumbling block in the path of progress.

Wilson will get control of congress in just the same manner that Bryan got control of the Baltimore convention which nominated Mr. Wilson. Gov. Wilson will go into office with the confidence of an overwhelming majority of the people behind him. Backward congressmen will hear from home in such terms of absolute certainty that they will act.

The great property interests of this country need a strong government more than the poor need it. The strength of any government among enlightened men consists in the confidence which the people have in their government. Should President Wilson and the democratic party fail to carry out its pledges now, after the years of broken pledges which have been endured, and which have given rise to this present condition of public opinion, it would mean the downfall of this republic. Governments such as this cannot stand after their very foundation is destroyed. The people's confidence in the government's ability to carry out the will of an overwhelming majority is all that this government really is. We have no large standing army such as monarchies depend upon.

When the true situation is finally understood by the kings of finance and the aristocracy of wealth, they will be the most insistent of all that those pledges be carried out to save them from the wrath of a long suffering and over plundered majority. They will have no desire to pull down the house about their own heads.

But suppose they do not realize the danger of the situation and seek to create an adverse public opinion by the power of credits withheld and currency contraction, or, in other words, by bringing on a panic? What can President Wilson do in that contingency?

The credit of the nation will again be used. Not as Cleveland used it, but a little differently. Bonds will be issued, not in large denominations, sold to foreigners to bring gold into the country, but in denominations of one, five, ten, twenty and fifty dollars. Each one to be a full legal tender for all debts public and private. Every man with a day's work for sale will be given an opportunity to get some of them if labor becomes unemployed. They will pay debts and be money.

This was the plan which President Lincoln used to save this nation when it was harder to accomplish than it would be now.

But No! Why think of these

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## MRS. E. L. ROTERUD DIES AT HOME

One of the Oldest Residents  
of Lewis Valley  
Is Called by  
Death

Mrs. Erik L. Roterud, aged 80, one of the oldest residents of Lewis Valley, died at her home on Tuesday, December 17.

Mrs. Roterud was born near Hammar, Norway, in 1832, and together with her husband she came to America in 1866 since which time she has lived in La Crosse county. Her husband, who was a tinker, was one of the best known men in the county at one time. Mrs. Roterud was well known and popular by her many friends. She was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Steventown.

Surviving her are five children, Mrs. Bert Dale and Mrs. Mike Mikkelsen of West Salem, Mrs. Eren Drosseth of Lewis Valley and one son and one daughter who have been living at home.

The funeral was one of the largest that was ever held in Lewis Valley.

## LA CROSSE GIRL WEDS HOKAH MAN

Miss Elsie Parmenter, 2002 Berlin street, and Archie Meinzer of Hokah, Minn., were married at the Caledonia Street M. E. parsonage by Rev. Frazer yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The bride, who is the daughter of E. G. Parmenter, is well known in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Meinzer will make their home at Hokah.

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 Wool and Cotton Challies, neat patterns with fancy border, always sold at 35c, sale price at the yard ..... **25c**  
 36 inch Plaids, all wool Panamas, Batiste and Serge, always sold at 50c, 59c and 65c, for this sale at the yard ..... **39c**  
 46 inch Serge with hair line stripe of same shade. Always sold at \$1.25, for this sale at the yard ..... **89c**

54 inch Checks and Mixed Suitings. Lot includes all goods where there is left but one piece of each pattern. These goods always sold at \$1.25 and \$1.50; for this sale at the yard .. **59c**  
 Broadcloth, Serge, Panama, Wool Taffeta and Mixed materials that always sold at \$1.25, \$1.39 and \$1.50, for this sale, yard .. **98c**  
 Chiffon Broadcloths in light colors, suitable for evening wraps and dark shades for street wear. Regular \$2.00 quality, for this sale at the yard ..... **\$1.29**  
 54 inch \$2.00 black and colored Diagonal Weaves and \$3.00 black Chiffon Broadcloth, for this sale at the yard ..... **\$1.69**

### SILKS

Our entire stock of short lengths in Silks suitable for trimmings and waists, including blacks; values up to \$1.25, to close at the yard ..... **19c**  
 Your choice of all our 27 inch Messaline that sold at \$1.00, Fancy Silks that sold at \$1.25, and 36 inch Black Taffeta and Messaline that sold at \$1.50, for this sale at the yard ..... **79c**  
 23 inch Foulards and 19 inch Fancy Silks. Values in this lot up to \$1.00, for this sale at the yard ..... **39c**

**All Dress Trimmings at Half Price**  
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Your choice of our entire stock of Adora, Bungalow and Marquisette stripes. These materials are silk and linen and make pretty evening and street dresses. Always 39c and 50c. For this sale at the yard ..... **25c**  
 Fancy Sateens suitable for comforters and box covers that always sold at 15c, 18c and 25c, for this sale at yard ..... **11c**  
 Flannelettes that always sold at 12 1/2c, 15c, 18c and 25c, for this sale at yard .... **10c**  
 All Outing Flannels that always sold at 10c and 12 1/2c, for this sale at yard ... **8 1/2c**  
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#### CORONER CALLS INQUEST

WAUKESHA, Wis., Dec. 25.—Declaring that the Pioneer Limited on the St. Paul road must have been violating the Oconomowoc speed ordinance when it struck and instantly killed Harold Hewitt here Sunday, Coroner Charles Hill today began an investigation of the accident. According to Hill, the train ran nearly half a mile following the tra-

gedy before it could be stopped. The inquest will be held Friday.

#### HOT SPRINGS SPECIAL DITCHED

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 25.—The Hot Springs special train on the Iron Mountain railroad was ditched at Lonsdale, ten miles from Hot Springs, this afternoon and several passengers were reported injured. Meager reports reaching here said that the engine turned turtle while going at a rate of twenty-five miles an hour.

#### IN PROBATE.

State of Wisconsin.—In County Court for La Crosse County. Notice is hereby given that at a special term of the County Court of La Crosse County, to be held at the Court House in the City of La Crosse, in said County, on the second Tuesday, being the 14th day of January, 1913, at 10 A. M., the following matter will be heard and considered: The petition of D. S. MacArthur, administrator of the estate of Eloise J. MacArthur, deceased, for the hearing and adjustment of his final account and the assignment of the residue of said estate to such persons as are by law entitled thereto. Dated December 9, 1912. By the Court, JOHN BRINDLEY, County Judge. McCONNELL & SCHWEIZER, Attorneys.

#### JOURNALISTS SCORE

MR. AND MRS. HATTON, CHICAGO NEWSPAPER WORKERS, WRITE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PLAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Another name was added to the playwrights furnished by the newspaper workers of Chicago, when a lively comedy, the first play of Frederick Hatton, dramatic critic of the Evening Post, made a real hit. George Ade's name is one of those previously best known and Ade has made a fortune from his musical comedies. Much of the credit for the Hatton play is given to Mrs. Hatton, who enlivened the dialogue in an unusual degree, but she also is one of the "literati" of Newspaper row. There were curtain calls and speeches and flowers and more speeches on the occasion of the Hatton triumph, and those things aren't won from the city's sophisticated "first nighters" by popularity or anything but merit. The play was described by the critic in the News, Amy Leslie, in her florid sort of way, in this fashion: "A prodigally rich widow who has never had her own way all her life, but drummed out forty-eight years of monotonous propriety in Boorline, Mass., suddenly feels the call of the kitten in her well regulated, motherly veins and plunges into reckless briskeness of existence accompanied by volatile re-

juvenation, false hair, lovers, coquetry, wonderful adventures, sentimental and fantastic, and the inevitable train of adoring middle age swains to gratify her swan song leap into the white lights. Her grown son comes in accurate Massachusetts indignation to rescue his mother from a tour winding up in a madhouse, and is properly horrified at her bare back, her salome petticoats and promiscuous adores. The play has been named "Years of Discretion."

#### Enormous Flocks of Sheep.

Recent official figures placed the number of sheep in Australia and New Zealand in excess of 117,000,000, the greatest number in 18 years.

#### \$50,000 CHRISTMAS GIFT

MANCHESTER, Conn., Dec. 25.—The Girls' Friendly society of St. Mary's church received a Christmas gift valued at \$50,000 or more today when Mrs. Arthur C. Henry of Boston announced that she had given the society her residence and the large grounds surrounding it.

#### HARD COLDS

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#### CASE IS NOT DROPPED

UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTORS POSITION TO BE REPORTED TO REGENTS—ALUMNI INDIGNANT

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 25.—It is understood that the case against a university music instructor who was charged with ordering a young woman student to remove her coat in the classroom, revealing her gym suit, has not been dropped, although a committee of the regents declared him exonerated. President Van Hise stated the committee is still at work on the case and would make a report to the regents. The committee consists of President Van Hise, Dean E. A. Birge and Dean L. A. Coerne of the school of music.

The charges were pressed by prominent alumni of the institution, some of whom are said to have expressed much indignation when announcement of the exoneration of the accused instructor was made. The called it "white washing."

One of these said: "Our committee is from the alumni organization, specially, and we have not performed a simple duty conscientiously, however disagreeably, to be treated in this contemptuous manner, and yet, remain silent. It is astounding that university authorities should feel obliged always to defend anyone who

chances to be connected with the institution officially. This case is a glaring exhibition of that sort of thing."

#### Couldn't Take Prescription.

Physician—"You should seek a higher altitude." Patient—"It always gets me dizzy to travel by airship."

#### On the Spot.

A girl on a footstool often has an advantage over a girl on a pedestal.—The Tatler.

#### Improved Incandescent Lamp.

Incandescent lamps in which the filaments are in the form of an inverted cone have been found to give one-fifth more light than those of the same size in which filaments form cylinders.

#### Was Nothing to Worry Over.

A clothing designer of Philadelphia committed suicide because he couldn't figure out the season's styles. Who can?

#### PLAN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

CLIFTON, Col., Dec. 25.—Every child within a radius of five miles of Clifton will receive a Christmas present from Santa Claus. Clifton, although not a socialistic community, will make the unique experiment this year of holding a community Christ-

mas celebration. The funds for the experiment were provided by business men and ranchers, and the first Methodist church was loaned for the purpose. None of the other churches will have a Christmas celebration this year, and all are assisting in the municipal affair.

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**Force of Habit.**  
"Why did she want to set her husband's will aside?" "Merely because she was her husband's, and she had got the habit of setting his will aside."—*Post.*

**Caustic.**  
"What a lot of style the Browns are putting on!" "Yes; and what a lot of creditors they are putting off!"—*Tit-Bits.*

**Logic of Facts.**  
"Dukfutz married an optimist." "Why do you think so?" "Any woman would be an optimist who accepted Dukfutz."—*Birmingham Age-Herald.*

**Woman.**  
Wrinkles are said to be the result of experience. Is that why woman is so keen on having her wrinkles massaged away?

**Children Feel Inquisitive.**  
In the little world in which children have their existence, whatsoever brings them up, there is nothing so finely perceived and so finely felt as injustice.—*Charles Dickens.*

**Grandmothers' Beliefs.**  
Nearly every grandmother believes a trained nurse is overestimated.—*Atchison Globe.*

**Objectable Onion.**  
There is an old saying to the effect that an apple a day will keep the doctor away. And an onion a day will keep everybody away.—*Blidford Journal.*

CHICAGO THEATRES  
DANGER TO PATRONSLeague for Public Safety  
Fears for Christmas  
Audiences; Issues  
Warning

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Will Christmas audiences be safe is the query raised by the discovery that sixty theatres in Chicago were so shadily built that the their roofs might fall in, the League of Public Safety having renewed its warnings that the best way to save life is to prevent disasters. The widespread gain in numbers of moving picture theatres was the basis for the report that every city should systematically inspect all such theatre buildings and check up the precautions taken to prevent loss of life by fire or panic or collapse, such as that of the Home theatre in Chicago. "The holiday assemblies in churches and school halls are prolific of tragedies that are inexcusable because preventable," a bulletin of the league declares, "Therefore the thing to do is to prevent them."

The architects' business association is given credit for reporting on the 600 moving picture theatre buildings in Chicago. "We further venture the assertion," the report states, "that if this test is made it will be found that probably ten per cent of the theatres now occupied and used as public amusement places will be found structurally weak. This statement is based not upon any actual calculations but upon general information in the possession of our committee. We beg to call your attention to the fact that if the roof of the Home theatre building had been tested as per the suggestion contained in this communication, the roof would have collapsed under the test load we recommend."

MUCH LEGISLATION  
IS BEING DRAFTEDPeople of State Demand  
Multitude of Progressive  
Measures in 1913  
Session

## ORGANIZATIONS ARE VERY BUSY

State Librarian Predicts  
that Session Will Be  
as Long as Any in  
History

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 25.—Individual members of the next Wisconsin legislature will demand less and the people of the state collectively will ask more progressive legislation than in any previous sessions. This is the natural deduction from a review of the activities of the legislature reference library, where bills for the coming session are being drafted.

"Never in the history of Wisconsin," said Dr. Charles McCarthy, chief of the reference library, "have legislators apparently shown so little interest in the session's program. I do not believe the session will be a short one. The unusual activity of organizations of the state in the interest of proposed legislation indicates it will be as long or longer than any other session in the state's history."

The measures now in preparation will touch practically every field of human activity. Undoubtedly the biggest feature will be bills for the protection of the workers.

**To Recall Commissioners.**  
Wisconsin may take an unique step forward in democracy by providing the recall of members of state commissions, either by the people or the legislature. Such a measure will at least be offered for passage.

The initiative, referendum and recall, a constitutional amendment, will come before the voters for approval a second time before referred to the people. A radical amendment will be proposed looking to the naming of all present appointive officers in the state under the merit system.

**Bills To Be Introduced.**  
Among the bills to be introduced are the following:

**WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.**—Following its defeat at the polls last month, woman's suffrage will again come before the legislature.

**CO-OPERATIVE RURAL CREDIT.**—The farmers are demanding a system of rural credit which may allow them to bond their farms, a plan designed to facilitate methods by which farmers may borrow money.

**STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS.**—The bill for state aid for highways will be remodeled. An appropriation of \$1,000,000 will be asked, in accordance with a recommendation of the state highway commission. Northern Wisconsin will demand the building of state roads through the state lands.

**INSURANCE.**—Legislation requiring the construction of small houses to be as nearly fireproof will be proposed.

**WATERPOWERS.**—Waterpower legislation modeled closely after the Husting bill in the special session will be introduced.

**MINIMUM WAGE.**—A minimum wage law for women, the wage to be fixed by the state industrial commission upon complaint of the workers in the industry, will be demanded.

**INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.**—Employers of apprentices must send such workers to continuation schools if a bill to that effect be passed.

**LIQUOR LEGISLATION.**—Owners of Pullman cars where liquor is sold shall pay a license fee of \$1 a day to the state, by the terms of a proposed bill. The proceeds would amount, under the present traffic, to about \$30,000 annually—enough to support the mining school.

**ELECTION LAWS.**—One bill will permit a candidate's name to appear on more than one ballot. Another will allow voters to cast their ballot by mail. A third will demand compulsory voting. A fourth will fix a short ballot for the city of Milwaukee, providing for the appointment of city attorney, controller, and city treasurer by the mayor.

**MECHANIC'S LIEN.**—A model mechanic's lien bill has been demanded by carpenters and construction men throughout the state.

**EQUITY SOCIETY LEGISLATION.**—The construction of cold storage plants, potato and tobacco warehouses, grain elevators and general produce storage warehouses will be sought by the farmers' co-operative societies.

**CIVIL SERVICE.**—A constitutional amendment providing for the selection of all appointive officers in towns, villages, cities and counties upon a merit basis is proposed.

**COMPULSORY ACCOUNTING.**—A system of uniform accounting for towns, villages and counties will be proposed by one bill; another measure will provide for an auditor sent out by the state to check over all the financial transactions carried on by the state with organizations having the aid of subsidies.

**INCOME TAX.**—To eliminate the so-called inquisitorial features of the income tax law is the subject of one measure in preparation. That strenuous efforts will be made to pass it is certain. Another bill will fix a lower income tax rate for corporations.

**RECALL OF COMMISSIONERS.**  
A bill will provide that commissioners of the railroad, tax and industrial commissions, and others which may be subjected to recall upon petition of 25 per cent of the voters. Another provision permits a three-fifths vote of both houses of the legislature to recall these officials. It also provides that such officials can be subject to a recall but once in two years.

**INVESTIGATIONS.**—The state will

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be asked to appropriate a sum for the sending of officials to Europe to collect information upon agricultural credits.

**UNIVERSITY DORMITORIES.**—The state will issue bonds to raise a large sum of money to provide for the construction of dormitories at the state university, according to a bill.

**STATE REPRESENTATION AT HEARINGS.**—A bill providing for the appearance of state's attorneys to protect the interests of the state at all hearings before state commissions will be introduced.

**LIQUOR TRAFFIC.**—The retail liquor dealers demand legislation to prevent state commissions from controlling them.

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**—A bill providing for the repeal of the present Sunday law and asking for legislation requiring one day's rest in seven will be asked.

**SANE FOURTH.**—A bill would compel all cities to appropriate money for celebration of the Fourth of July "sanely." Clergymen in many parts of the state ask for this measure.

**MEDICAL PRACTICE.**—The legislature will be asked to recognize a demand for higher qualifications in medical education.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**—Exemption of municipalities from the operation of the public utilities act will be asked by a number of cities owning public utility plants.

**LAND PROBLEM.**—One bill will provide for the licensing of private land agents and the filing of a bond with the state to assure truthful representations. Another will embody the Albert L. Williams land colonization scheme.

**MILWAUKEE LEGISLATION.**—A demand will be made for a new code of election laws relative to non-partisan tickets. The home rule bill is expected to pass in a constitutional form, the invalidity of the last enactment having been decreed by the Supreme court.

**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION.**—Assemblyman Merlin Hull of Black River Falls will re-introduce his anti-discrimination bill, endorsed by the last republican state platform, which prohibits the underselling of commodities in one section to the detriment of another section.

**BLUE SKY LAW.**—A modified form of the Kansas "Blue Sky" law prohibiting the exploitation of investments by others than approved corporations in this state, strengthened by features providing for full publicity, is demanded by many legislators.

**CENTRAL CREDIT BUREAU.**—A central credit bureau is asked by the banking commissioner to pass upon credit and commercial paper.

**MUNICIPAL LEGAL ADVICE.**—The Socialists of Milwaukee ask a bill providing that a lawyer shall be furnished free by the city, in cities of the first class, for all persons unable to pay for legal advice.

**DOG TAX.**—The licensing and taxing of dogs is demanded by sheep raisers to the end that many worthless canines may be eliminated.

**STATE PUBLICITY AGENT.**—A measure will be introduced providing for the employment of an expert who will explain through the state press the work of the state departments.

**STATE FORESTRY SERVICE.**—The state forestry department will ask an appropriation of \$200,000 annually for the rebuilding of a state forestry reserve.

**INHERITANCE TAX.**—A measure is proposed which will simplify the collection of inheritance taxes and add economy by a centralization of the work.

**GARNISHEE LAW.**—A bill to provide for the legalization of all bar bills will be proposed. Liquor dealers sponsor it.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION.**—A bill to put the telegraph watchman's patrol service under railroad commission law will be offered.

**TIMBER TAX.**—Measures proposed to place a tax on standing timber so low as to conserve the forests of Wisconsin are asked by conservationists.

**AUTOMOBILE TAX.**—Because

automobiles are called destructive to highways, a high tax is asked, the proceeds to go for the construction of good roads.

**STATE PURCHASING AGENT.**—The creation of the office of state purchasing agent, who shall buy all supplies used by the state, will be suggested.

**CORPORATION REGISTRATION.**—All corporations doing business in the state must register. It was discovered recently that six companies having work on the new state capitol were not licensed to do business in this state.

**MOTHERS' PENSIONS.**—A bill for the pensioning of dependent mothers with children will be offered. Larger state aid for the education of unfortunate is provided for under another hand.

**BOARD OF CONTROL.**—Decreasing the membership of the state board of control and increasing the salary and technical qualifications of members will be asked.

**WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.**—Reversing the optical feature of the workman's compensation law so that all companies come under the act unless they choose to remain outside, abolition of the protection of "contributory negligence," and the placing of occupational diseases under the law will be demanded.

**EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.**—The socialists will ask for a law providing that land outside of cities may be condemned so that small homes may be erected by the municipality and sold to workmen on long term contracts.

Another feature of this bill provides that street car service shall be extended to these sections.

**WIFE BEATERS.**—All wife-beaters and vagrants shall be required to work out their sentences at a state pile, the rocks to be broken to be used in building public highways, according to a bill asked by humane officers and clergymen in Madison and other cities.

**RURAL SCHOOLS.**—The creation of a board of education in each county which will select a county superintendent of schools; compelling efficient teaching of agriculture and domestic economy in the rural schools; raising the qualifications for teachers' certificates; amendment of the "two-mile limit" law so as to ensure the education of all children of school age who are outside this zone; the gathering and publication of all rural schools will be provided by bills recommended by the rural education experts of the state board of public affairs.

**STREET TRADES.**—The extension of the street trades law to all cities will be asked.

**CITY MANAGER.**—A bill will be offered providing for the employment of "city managers" under a new city government scheme.

**STATE PRINTING PLANT.**—There will be legislation looking to the establishment of a state printing plant, to be under the direction of a manager, whose accounts shall be audited by the secretary of state.

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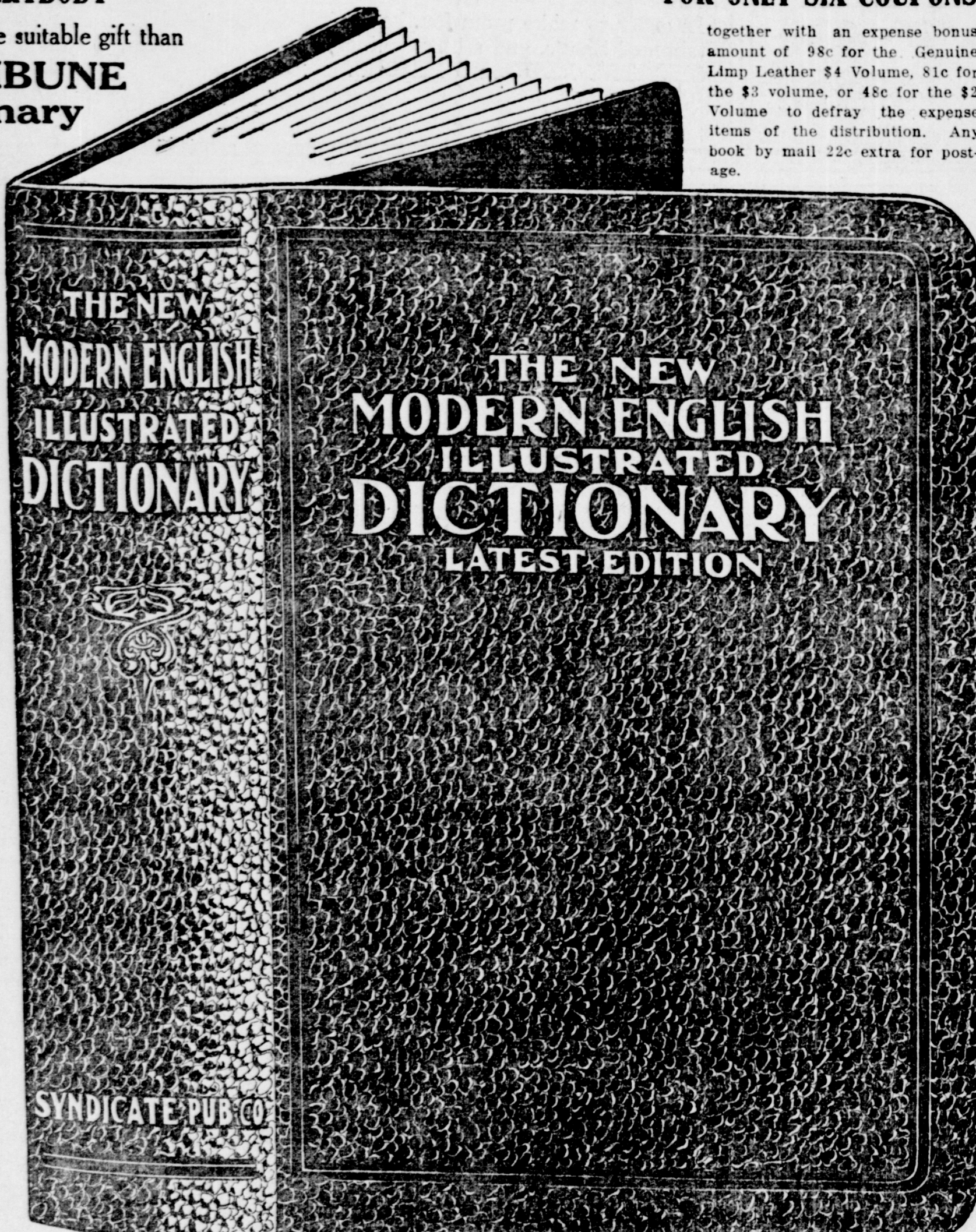
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FOR SALE—Upright piano in good condition. 222 South Eighth.  
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FOR SALE—Twelve room house at 136 South Seventh street.  
12 19 25

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FOR RENT—Five room cottage, 1625 Market, two blocks from high school. New phone 570-A.  
12 2 tf

FOR RENT—Partly modern house, 719 N. 10th St., inquire J. Gibbons, Law Auto Co., 5th and State.  
12 4 tf

FOR RENT—Four room flat. Modern except heat. 922 State St.  
12 20 tf

FOR RENT—Modern furnished room, 209 S. 5th St.  
12 23 25

FOR RENT—Two connecting rooms suitable for men or light house-keeping. 331 North Seventh.  
12 19 tf

FOR RENT—Eight room house, 519 King street. Inquire A. P. Clark, 324 South Fifth.  
12 18 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms with board. 712 Cass.  
12 17 27

COTTAGE—\$5.00 per month. Phone 980-A.  
12 14 tf

FOR RENT—Seven room cottage; modern except heat. Inquire 516 North Eighth, or new phone 1284-M.  
12 11 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished rooms. 312 North 7th.  
12 24 tf

FOR RENT—Eight room house, all modern except heat, \$16. 410 Cameron avenue. New phone 706-A.  
12 24 tf

FOR RENT—Six room house, modern except heat, \$12. 417 South Sixth street. Apply 7 evening.  
12 24 tf

FOR RENT—Furnished front room with running water. 228 South Eighth.  
12 21 tf

FOR RENT—Two modern city heated rooms. 618 Cass. 10 21 tf

FOR RENT—House at 1507 Adams. Inquire at 1506 Johnson street.  
11 16 tf

FOR RENT—Modern house, corner Fifth and Jackson. 10 22 tf

### MISCELLANEOUS

GASOLINE WOOD SAWING—1507 South Tenth street. Old phone 3868. New phone 1421-A. 11 23 tf

WANTED—To buy a gas range; Blum's works on government in German, and to care for a piano M. W. Thompson, 130 So. 10th.  
12 23 25

WANTED TO BUY—Six or eight room house; must be modern. Address F., care of Tribune. 12 19 25

WOOD SAWING done by J. J. Kabat, 957 Hood street. New phone 1422-M, old 4651. 12 7 tf

PARTY who picked up pocketbook on north side car Saturday evening about 9:30 is known and will avoid trouble by returning same to 500 Milwaukee street. 12 23 25

### FOUND

FOUND—Two weeks ago, yellow bull dog, white spot on neck and side of nose. Inquire Jno. Strittmatter, Mormon Coulee road. 12 23 28

### Lost

LOST—Glasses with chain. Name Becker in case. Finder please return to Dr. Bradford's office. Reward. 12 25 27

LOST—Pair of boys' brown diagonal trousers, between 5 and 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon; possibly left in Sixteenth street car. Return to Tribune. 12 18 31

LOST—Small French poodle, small brown marks on back of ears. Return 323 South Sixth. Reward.

### Financial

FOURTH BUILDING ASSOCIATION paid stock pays five per cent. Dividend check every half year.  
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### FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 25.—After being out 35 minutes, the jury in the criminal superior court this afternoon found "Chicago Joe" Buonomo guilty of murder in the first degree. He was charged with killing Jennie Cavaleirio, in Stratford last October. James Ricco, Frank Pezzecchi and James Motti, charged with being implicated in the murder, were acquitted.

### Emphatic Comment.

It was held by the duke of Wellington that the true story of the battle of Waterloo had never been written. A contemporary relates how he once sat in a carriage with the duke and "watched him read a ponderous quarto to the battle of Waterloo. Against paragraph after paragraph he traced the letters 'L' or 'D. L.' with a great blunt ended pencil. I ventured to ask what these mystic letters meant. The pithy reply was: "Lie" and "Damned lie," to be sure."

### Good Never Dies.

There is nothing, no nothing, innocent or good that dies and is forgotten. An infant—a prattling child dying in its cradle—will live again in better thoughts of those who loved it, and play its part through them, in the redeeming actions of the world, though its body be burnt to ashes and drowned in the deepest sea.—Charles Dickens.

### Pathetic Appeal.

Among the clever stories retailed at the Beefsteak or the Garrick is a nice one of the florid lawyer, who was counsel in an action for libel brought by a provision merchant against a local newspaper. He said in his address to the jury: "My client, gentlemen, is a cheesemonger, and the reputation of a cheesemonger in the city of London is like the bloom of a peach. Touch it, and it is gone forever."

### Diplomatic Youth.

Seven-year-old Bobbie brought his first report home from school, and it was bad. His mother scolded him, but he bore up bravely, and at the end of the maternal lecture he said by way of encouragement: "After all, ma, the greatest thing in life is health."

### Unkindly Suggestive.

A lady of advanced age required the services of a page-boy, and advertised: "Youth wanted." One of her dearest friends sent her by the next post a bottle of Blank's celebrated wrinkle filler and skin-tightener, a pot of fairy bloom, a set of false teeth, a flaxen wig, and a cake of iodine soap.

### Famous Bell of Moscow.

The largest bell is the great bell of Moscow, which is 86 feet in circumference at the bottom, over 21 feet high, and 23 inches thick at the top. Its weight has been computed at 217 tons. It has never been hung.

### Good Household Cleaner.

Vinegar is an excellent cleanser for nickel and mica and for brass if a little salt be added to it.

### Often Overlooked.

There is a difference between conversation and monologue that some gushers fail to grasp.—Aitchison Globe.

### BULGARIANS SEND CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Dr. S. Danef, chief of the Bulgarian delegates who are in London trying to settle the Turkish Balkan war, when asked by the United Press correspondent for a Christmas message to the American people said: "We Bulgarians wish to forward our good wishes to the American people, for whom we always have had the greatest admiration."

"We hope that the efforts of the peace conference will be crowned shortly with success."

"We admire America and the American people for their brilliant qualities and should we win southeastern Europe, we should like to imitate them as much as possible."

### POSSES SEEK FIRE BUGS

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 25.—An armed posse was today guarding Rockdale, a suburb, against the ravages of a band of incendiaries who have set fire to five homes in the last two nights. A loss of \$10,000 has already been caused.

Last night the six children of Mrs. Louisa Antices, a widow, all suffering from whooping cough, were driven out when her home was set on fire. The previous night four homes were destroyed within three hours. John Knovac was arrested as a suspect.

### Egyptian Custom.

The Egyptians at their feasts, to prevent excess on the part of the company, were accustomed to place a skeleton in a conspicuous part of the banqueting room, with this inscription over it: "Remember, you must soon be like it." An epicure, on being told this, replied: "Ah, that was if they did not eat."

### Learning by Love Letter.

"Love letters between young men and women are an excellent method of teaching literature," says Dr. Arthur Holmes. But it must be done tactfully. We have known a young lady who broke off an engagement because her fiancé returned her love letters with the spelling errors neatly corrected in red ink.

### Many Deadly Weapons.

Some persons attribute all crime to the pistol, forgetting that history tells us that more crimes were committed in the world before there were pistols. What is to prevent a person murderously inclined from obtaining and using a carving knife, an ice pick, an ax, or hatchet, a razor or baseball bat? These all make deadly weapons.

### As a Man Thinks.

Jennie—"He must have a soft spot in his heart for me." Wennie—"Why so?" Jennie—"He says he is always thinking of me." Wennie—"But, you know, a man doesn't think with his heart. The soft place must be in his head."—London Telegraph.

### Accomplishing.

It is very important that the young man select his life work early and bend every energy toward accomplishing something. One of the most common causes of failure in this life lies in the fact that men do not see the importance of being thorough until it is too late.—Florence Vidette.

### Probably What He Wanted.

The following was one of King Edward's favorites: "A very well-known K. C. sent to an eminent physician and surgeon, who is a familiar figure in Portland place, the following wire: 'My wife's mother is lying at death's door. Will you come around and try to pull her through?' It is a true 'true story,' as Miss Mar declares, and the physician did pull her through to health."

### Desire for Long Life.

There appears to exist a greater desire to live long than to live well! Measure by man's desires, he cannot live long enough; measure by his good deeds, and he has not lived long enough; measure by his evil deeds, and he has lived too long.

On the sea of matrimony sometimes it's the lucky traveler who misses the boat.

### ALLEGED GRAFTERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Following a night spent in the Tombs, Police-mans John J. Skelly, Sol Wolf and Emmanuel Maas, charged with having blackmailed Mary Goode, keeper of a disorderly house were taken before Judge O'Sullivan in general sessions to plead to the bribery indictment returned against them. Through their lawyer they tendered a not guilty plea and asked permission to withdraw or amend this later. The court refused to consider this, and the entire matter went over until December 30. Bail in each case was fixed at \$2,500 and was furnished.

### KILLED IN PRACTICE BATTLE

ROODHOUSE, Ill., Dec. 25.—Fred George, aged 15, was shot and killed in practicing a "battle" which was part of a Christmas entertainment to be staged tonight.

A number of boys were rehearsing a wild west play in which revolvers with blanks were used. A ball cartridge found its way into the ammunition supply.

### Worried Hero.

A critic of Wells' novel, "Marriage," finds in the confounding of the hero "the desire to have it all ways; to possess a woman who shall have all the charm and the caprice of the eternal feminine; who shall, by the grossness of her desires and the pettiness of conversation, give him an agreeable sense of superiority, and yet shall, to order, acquire deep spiritual insight when her husband feels he needs it."

### Had Kept Her Bargain.

An ingenious trick was recently played on some women of Maukjanj Madras, India. They handed sums of money to a woman who said that she possessed the power of doubling the contents. The victims had their packets returned to them after seven days, when the silver coins they had contained were found to have been changed into copper ones.

### Not All Owing to Wife.

"Biggins says he owes everything to his wife." "That isn't true," replied Biggins' father-in-law. "His wife quit lending him anything years ago and then he started in owing me."—Washington Star.

### DAILY MARKETS

#### Wholesale Fruit

(Quoted by John C. Burns.)  
Bananas, per bunch... \$1.50 to \$3.00  
Lemons, per box... \$7.00  
Pears, per box... \$2.50  
Grape fruit, doz. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50  
Sweet potatoes, bushel... \$1.50  
Celery, per bunch... 20 to 50c  
Cranberries, Cape Cod, per bbl. \$7.25  
Apples, Jonathans, per bbl. \$4.50  
Apples, Ben Davies, per bbl. \$2.75  
Apples, cooking, per bbl. \$2.50  
Oysters, Standards, per gal. \$1.25  
Potatoes, Irish, per bu. \$4.00  
Onions, red or yellow, bu. \$7.50

#### Livestock

(By Langdon & Boyd Packing Co.)  
Hogs... \$8.50 to \$9.50  
Steers... \$3.00 to \$5.00  
Cows... \$2.00 to \$4.25  
Heifers... \$2.50 to \$4.50  
Spring lambs... \$5.00 to \$5.50  
Sheep... \$2.50 to \$3.00

#### Poultry

Chickens... 8 1/2c to 9c  
Spring chickens... 8 1/2c to 9c  
Ducks... 11c  
Geese, pound... 9c

#### Provisions

Lard, per pound... 12 1/2c to 13c  
Shoulders, per pound... 13c  
Hams, per pound... 15 1/2c to 16c  
Bacon, per pound... 17c to 19c  
Dried beef, per pound... 18 to 20c

#### Flour and Feed

(Quoted by Listman Milling Co.)  
Patent, per barrel... \$4.90  
Straight, per barrel... \$4.70  
Bran, per ton... \$23.00  
Shorts, per ton... \$24.00  
White middlings, per ton... \$28.00  
Red Dog... \$32.00

#### Butter and Eggs

(Quoted by Hawkeye Com. Co.)  
Creamery butter, pound... 35c to 36c  
Dairy butter, pound... 30c to 33c  
Eggs, fresh, dozen... 22c to 26c  
Eggs, seconds, dozen... 18c

#### Grain

(Quoted by Thomas-Phalon Co.)  
Barley... 45 to 55c  
Corn... 45 to 50c  
Oats... 30 to 32c  
Wheat... 75 to 85c  
Rye... 50 to 55c

#### Cheese

(Quoted by Hy. Anderegge)  
Fancy full cream brick in case... 17c  
Fancy full cream brick in half-cases... 17c  
Fancy full cream twins... 17c  
Fancy full cream Daisies... 18c  
Fancy full cream Limburger 18 to 20c  
Fancy full cream Swiss, block... 20c  
German hand cheese, per box... 90c  
Fancy full cream Swiss, round... 22c

### Grains and Prov., Puts and Calls.

E. G. HADDEN CO.  
Members Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce  
La Crosse Office,  
417 McMillan Building  
N. E. WHEATON, Manager  
Telephones: Old 345; New 982

### STEEL WORKERS RAISED

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—According to an announcement made from the offices of the Steel trust this afternoon, a general wage increase has been decided upon. The increase will especially affect the unskilled laborers in the plants.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Wisconsin—In Probate—La Crosse County Court.  
In the matter of the estate of John George Hagmann, late of the City of La Crosse, in said County, deceased.

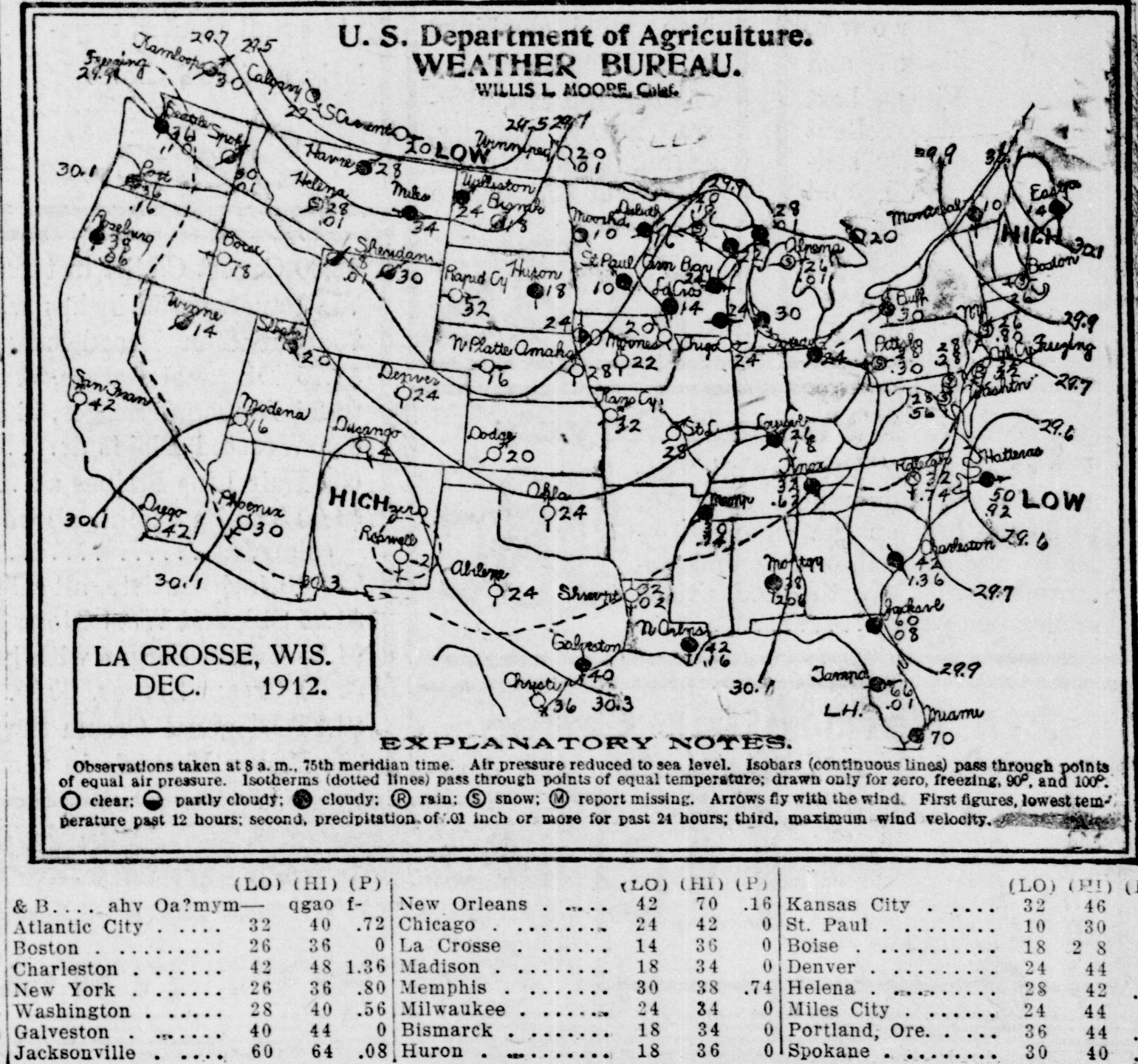
Letters testamentary in said matter having been granted to Jennie O. Humbert, of Fond du Lac, Wis., notice is hereby given that six months after the 9th day of December, A. D. 1912, are allowed to creditors to present their claims against said deceased for examination and allowance; and that said Court will on the 1st day of July, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day at the Court Room of said Court in the Court House in the City of La Crosse in said County, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1912.  
By the Court,  
JOHN BRINDLEY,  
County Judge.



L. NATHANSON & Co. 115 Pearl St. Are paying for raw furs and hides, according to quality, as follows:  
No. 1 Cowhides... 10c to 12 lb.  
No. 1 Calf... 12c to 16 lb.  
Horsehides... \$2 to \$3.25 each  
Pelts... 50c to \$1.00  
Skunks... 75c to \$4.50  
Grey Foxes... \$1.00 to \$2.50  
Red Foxes... \$2.00 to \$8.00 each  
Minks... \$2.00 to \$8.00 each  
Muskrats... 10c to 60c each  
Coons... 75c to \$5.00 each

### Weather Forecast and Weather Conditions





# ANNUAL PRE-INVENTORY SALE OF DRESS GOODS

Sale Starts  
**THURSDAY**  
(tomorrow) morning at  
8 o'clock. Every yard  
of our immense stock,  
both black and colors

## Sensational and Astounding Climax of Bargain Giving

A Dress Goods sale that will be a pace setter for all future events of its kind—a trade event eclipsing any heretofore ever held in this city. No odds and ends, no remnants, no undesirable fabrics are featured in this sale. Every piece this season's manufacture. Included are several lots of early Spring Fabrics. It's a sweeping offer of every piece of Dress Goods in this mammoth stock at prices that make every yard a bargain. This terrific cut in price is due to the fact that we're determined to reduce our Dress Goods stock by thousands of dollars before inventory Jan. 1.

Every yard of our immense stock goes —  
black and colors —  
nothing reserved —  
Width range 36, 40,  
44, 50, 54 and 60  
inches.

### Plain and Novelty Silks

Hundreds and hundreds of yards, showing positively every novelty or plain shade found on the market this season. Widths range from 18 to 27 inches and value regularly up to \$1.25. You'll find many exclusive waist and dress patterns. Choice of all in one immense assortment....

**49c**

### 39c Eiderdown Cloaking

All our Eiderdown Cloaking — showing all popular and desirable shades and colors, including white, fast color and excellent quality that sells every day for 35c and 39c, choice per yard

**25c**

### \$3.00 Cloakings

Elegant grade full 60 inch wide cloaking, a fashionable shade of grey and tan. Extra heavy quality selling regularly at \$2.75 and \$3.00. Choice per yard

**\$1.48**

### \$1.50 Messalenes

Choice of 5 pieces full yard wide black Messaline of lustrous finish and heavy quality. Every thread guaranteed pure silk, regular \$1.50 grade, per yard

**75c**

## Partial List of the Materials

Bedford Cords, Coverts, Voiles, Wool Challies, Grey Novelties, Satin Plaids, Brilliantines, Home-spuns, Chevrons, Baratheas, Poplar Cloth, Shadow Stripes, Batistes, Fancy Mohairs, Plain Mohairs, Diagonal Serges, Serge Mixtures, Armure Figures, Shepard Checks, Imperial Serges, Cloakings, Prunellas, Hair Lines, Cream Serges, Herringtons, Melanges, Sacquings, Whipcords, Serges, Grey Worsted, Flannels, Cravanettes.

### \$1.50 Skinners Satins

The celebrated brand needs no introduction to the women of La Crosse. It is universally conceded and recognized as the best on the market, and always sells for \$1.50 per yard. We have an unusually large stock, embracing every popular color and shade. For this sale we offer unrestricted choice over entire stock per yard .....

**\$1.10**

### 20c Kimona Flannels

Exactly 50 pieces of handsome Kimona Flannels, featuring the newest shades in pink, blue, tans, lavender, greys, navies and black. Entire stock of 15c, 18c and 20c quality, placed in one big lot—choice per yd.

**10c**

### \$1.00 Belding Satines

Genuine 36 in. Belding Satines, in all shades, guaranteed two seasons and regular \$1.00 quality, priced per yard

**75c**

### \$2.75 Cloakings

Bearskin cloakings, measuring 50 inches in width, selling at \$2.75 per yard. — Choice in cream, red and grey, to close, at per yard

**\$1.75**

### 65c Panamas and Voiles

In this assortment you'll find all stripes and novelty shades fashionable this season, and every yard guaranteed pure wool. Sells regularly at 50c and 65c. Choice per yard to close .....

**38c**

### \$1.50 Wool Serges

One of the most extraordinary bargains of this sale. Very finest quality black serges. Every bit wool, sponged and shrunken; selling every day at \$1.25 and \$1.50, at yard .....

**75c**

### 50c Robe Flannels

25 pieces exactly best quality extra heavy bath robe and smoking jacket flannels. All fashionable patterns and colorings selling regularly every day at 50c. Choice to close, just one-half price or .....

**25c**

### 15c Flannnlettes

Showing the newest effect, dark and medium and Persian patterns. Excellent weight, all new and desirable in every respect. Choice from our entire stock, all 12 1/2c and 15c grades, to close quick, at .....

**7 1/2c**

### \$1.50 Corduroys

Fashionable winter shades of brown, green, black and white. Very best grade and excellent wearing quality selling at \$1.25 and \$1.50. Choice, yard

**85c**

### \$3.00 Cloakings

Elegant grade full 60 inch wide cloakings in fashionable shades of grey and tan. Extra heavy quality, selling regularly at \$2.75 and \$3, choice per yard

**\$1.48**

### \$1.65 Tussah Royals

The celebrated "Prestley's" Tussah Royals, universally conceded to be the best on the market. — Black and all fashionable and desirable shades, worth \$1.65, priced choice per yard .....

**98c**

### 20c Serpentine Crepe

Choice of 2,000 yards, light, medium and dark ground, — showing many new and exclusive Persian or Japanese effects, especially desirable for kimono and dressing sacques. Every yard 20c quality, yard at ..

**11c**

### Reiling and Schoen's Silk and Wool Poplins

No restriction—take your choice—two big lots of this world renowned make, showing every color, shade and pattern made, and no matter what you want we open this sale with its stock. Every plain shade and color—neat jacquard and polka dot effects, etc., 40 and 45 inch, selling at \$2 and \$2.50.

LOT 1 — Twenty-five pieces all shades, regularly at \$2.00, choice

**98c**

LOT 2—All the newest shades and patterns, very highest grades, selling at \$2.50, choice

**\$1.25**

\$2.00 Covert Cloths in tans, 60 inches wide.... 98c  
75c Panamas, 50 inches wide, at ..... 39c  
75c Canadian Broadcloth, 54 inches wide ..... 39c  
\$1.75 Diagonal Serges, 54 inches wide ..... 98c  
\$1.25 Diagonal Serges, 44 inches wide ..... 69c  
65c Worsted Plaids at ..... 38c  
65c Hair Line Stripes at ..... 38c  
\$1.00 Tamise Cloths, all wool, 44 inches wide, all colors, at ..... 65c  
75c 40 inch Batiste, all colors, all wool ..... 48c  
\$1.25 Silk and Wool Gloria Silk, all colors ..... 75c  
\$1.25 Cream Serges with hair line stripe, black 75c  
\$2.00 Cream Serges, 60 in. wide, best made... \$1.25  
\$1.25 Diagonal Cream Serge, 44 in., all wool... 75c  
35c Blazer Flannels in the best stripes ..... 17 1/2c

### 65c Granite Dress Goods

Showing an unusually wide range of popular shades, blue, pink, helio, copenhagen, etc., for evening and street wear. Very finest grade selling every day at 65c, choice per yard .....

**39c**

### 75c Poplins

An extra quality 54 inch wide poplin, in navy and red. Very desirable for dresses or waists, and selling regularly at 75c — choice per yard

**29c**

### 50c Flannels

Choice of our entire stock non-shrinkable flannels, in attractive patterns for men's shirts or women's tailored waists. Regular 50c grade. Choice per yard

**35c**

### \$1.25 Wool Taffeta

Wanted shades of tan, green, blue, brown, grey, Alice, black, fast dyed and guaranteed strictly pure wool. All measures 44 inches wide and sells regularly at \$1.25; choice per yard .....

**69c**

### 25c Rockland Fleece

The most desirable bath robe shades and designs

in an exceptional quality, selling every day at 25c. Every yard brand new. Greys, lavenders and copenhagen — choice per yard .....

**15c**

**DOERFLINGERS**

## RICH MAN SPENDS NEW YEARS IN JAIL

"Citizen of the World" Will Make White Way Look Like Dark Alley on Rainy Night

### JOINS ORDER OF GOOD FELLOW

Provides Christmas Cheer for Several Hundred Children; Distributes Toys and Dolls

EDMONTON, Alta., Dec. 25.—James Sewell, citizen of the world, from "anywhere," as he is registered in a downtown town hotel, where he has an expensive suite, notified Chief of Police Carpenter today that he will join the prisoners at the city jail at the New Year's dinner. Here is part of his note: "I intend to keep sober until 8:30 o'clock—the last night of the year, and then I'll 'light up' for fair. I'll make the Great White Way look like a dark alley on a rainy night. Some policeman will arrest me and I'll be with the other banqueters amid surroundings that few care to cultivate. Last year the police at Seattle did the honors. It was the fifteenth time I have been arrested in various parts of America on the eve of my great day."

Sewell has been all over the United States and is now on a tour of the dominion. He appears to have plenty of money and is a liberal spender. So far he has been successful in concealing his identity, if that is his purpose. But, as his business with the banks is conducted in that name, it is reasonable to presume it is not assumed.

He was one of the first to join the Order of Good Fellows, which is co-operating this year with the United States Aids of Edmonton, in providing Christmas cheer for several hundred children, his identity being disclosed by his check. He has also purchased a supply of dolls and toys for distribution on Christmas eve.

### ESCAPE IN HYDRO-AEROPLANE

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 25.—For the first time in history a hydro-aeroplane was used to escape arrest. When an officer went to the Hotel Carroll to serve a warrant charging violation of the prohibition laws on D. B. Young, manager of the hotel, he learned Young had actually flown. Young left here in a Janus hydro-plane and it was reported he alighted sixty miles north of here, and boarded a train for St. Louis or Chicago. Requisition papers for his return from Missouri or Illinois were issued by Governor Brewer.

### FAMOUS PAINTER DEAD

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Edouard De Taille, the famous painter of battle scenes, and once commander of the Legion of Honor, died suddenly of heart failure early today at his home in the Boulevard Males Herbes.

His best works were taken from the battles of Europe, but he attained considerable prestige by painting the portraits of Edward of England, when he was prince of Wales; Czar Nicholas of Russia; the Duke of Connaught and other notables. He received many honors in France and was knighted in England.

### FAINTS AT THOUGHT OF WIFE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 25.—Otto Raduchel tiptoed into the office of the marriage license clerk here this morning. He was pale but determined.

"License," he whispered.

This was the clerk's busy day and he fired question after question at the trembling Otto, who grew paler and more "trembly" as the questioning proceeded. Finally: "Ever married before?" snapped the clerk.

"Lord no," gasped Otto and collapsed in a dead faint.

It took ten minutes to revive him.

### NO TREE FOR THE MONKEYS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 25.—Santa Claus has gone back on the monkeys at Washington park. The Simians will have no Christmas tree this year, according to a wireless today from the good saint.

"Last year," wired Santa, "I brought a tree and the group was so anxious to see how the monkeys behaved that several little ones were trampled on. It's tough on the monkeys, but there will be no tree this year."

### CARDINALS GREET POPE

ROME, Dec. 25.—The cardinals of the Sacred college were received at the vatican and expressed their Christmas greetings to Pope Pius. Cardinals Farley and O'Connell, of the United States, called their congratulations to his holiness. The pope made no formal speech in reply to the cardinals, but made a few general remarks, saying in passing that all should pray for the peace of Europe and the successful outcome of the Balkan negotiations.

### MELON CUTTING BOOSTS STOCKS

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—Formal increase in the stock of the Procter & Gamble Soap company of Cincinnati from \$14,250,000 to \$16,250,000, was made today through the cutting of papers at Columbus. The increase represents the "melon cutting" which recently sent shares of the stock to record values and enabled holders to make an immense paper profit. The stock was around \$475 when word of the contemplated increase became known, and it leaped to a top figure of \$580.